

**INSTALLATION OF
THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT BARRON
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
AS NINTH BISHOP OF WINONA-ROCHESTER
CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA
JULY 29, 2022**

Your Eminences Cardinal Harvey, Cardinal Cupich, Your Excellencies Archbishop Gomez, Chairman of the Bishops Conference, Archbishop Lucas, Archbishop Hebda, Archbishop ListECKI, Bishop Quinn, my Brother Archbishops, Bishops and Auxiliary Bishops...

As we come together today in this Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, we must give thanks to Bishop Quinn who first served as Coadjutor of Winona in 2008 and then Bishop of the same Diocese before becoming Ordinary of the combined Diocese of Winona-Rochester in 2018. Bishop Quinn's pleasant disposition and dedication to his people has brought a good spirit to the people he has served throughout his ministry here.

But now the time has come for you, Bishop Barron, to leave the good people of sunny Santa Barbara and don the winter coat that you had when you were serving in Chicago as professor and Rector at Mundelein Seminary. (We Bishops very often must become accustomed to holding on to our old wardrobe, since you never know when you might be using it again at another time and in another place.)

Bishop Barron, you have brought with you an uplifting spirit and you have endeared yourself to countless numbers of people who thirst and hunger to satisfy themselves with the message of the good news. Your dedicated mission of evangelization has indeed been an extensive one and we know that you will continue your good work in Winona-Rochester.

May I say that I believe that the core of your ministry can be found in your Episcopal Motto "**Domine, non nisi Te**". For these are the reported words about one of your great mentors, Thomas Aquinas. We know that the Dominican Tradition has told us that these words were said to Our Lord (by Thomas) when He had asked Thomas what he wanted in return for his writings about Him. The clear response: "Lord, nothing except you", is the answer of one who gives it all over to the Lord.

Bishop Barron, your episcopal motto is a lesson for all of us. We should want only the Lord before anyone or anything. May your witness as a good shepherd, and your preaching and writings, always reflect that same spirit which you communicate to your people. May your untiring commitment to evangelization and missionary discipleship continue to bear great fruit. And may the People of God always find much joy and consolation through your proclamation of the Gospel.

Now, I will read the Papal Decree regarding Bishop Barron's appointment to Winona-Rochester.