



## Congratulations to Dallas Diocese Bishop-elect Kelly

The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth and Bishop Michael F. Olson offer congratulations to Dallas priest Monsignor John Gregory Kelly who Wednesday was named auxiliary Bishop of Dallas by Pope Francis.

Bishop-elect Kelly will be ordained as bishop on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Dallas.

The Dallas Diocese is led by Bishop Kevin Farrell. Bishop-elect Kelly will join Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel as an auxiliary bishop in ministering to the Dallas Diocese.

The 59-year-old bishop-elect has been a priest in the Dallas diocese for nearly 34 years. Born in Le Mars, Iowa to John and Marilean Kelly, the new bishop, one of five children, grew up in Colorado and came to North Texas in 1976 as a student at the University of Dallas and seminarian at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving.

Msgr. Kelly was at Holy Trinity Seminary from 1976-1982. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1978 and a master's degree in theology in 1982 from the University of Dallas.

He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Dallas on May 5, 1982. Pope Benedict XVI named him monsignor in 2013.'

His assignments after ordination included serving as assistant pastor for All Saints Church, 1982-1986; chaplain of the University of Dallas, 1986-1996; pastor of St. Gabriel Church, 1996-2008; vicar for clergy for the diocese, 2008-present. He has also served in the Dallas Diocese vocation director as a member of the presbyteral council, a member of the college of consultors, and interim rector at Holy Trinity seminary.