

CELEBRATING BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL'S INSTALLATION IN ALBANY

The Carmelite System Inc. and Carith Ministries extend prayers and congratulations as Bishop O'Connell begins his episcopal ministry.

On December 5, 2025, the Church in New York entered a new chapter of grace as Bishop Mark O'Connell was installed as the 11th Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. Surrounded by clergy, religious communities, and the faithful from across the state, Bishop O'Connell stepped into a ministry already marked by humility, prayer, and a shepherd's heart.

For The Carmelite System Inc. and Carith Ministries, this moment carries a unique sense of joy and connection—not only because of the significance of this appointment, but because our leadership had the privilege of meeting Bishop O'Connell earlier this year. At the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Gala on May 4, 2025, Bishop O'Connell warmly engaged with the Carmelite delegation, expressing admiration for the Church's eldercare ministries and the importance of sustaining Catholic mission in healthcare. That moment of conversation and shared vision now finds deeper meaning as he assumes pastoral leadership in Albany.

A SHEPHERD ROOTED IN SERVICE

Bishop O'Connell's ministry has long been characterized by accessibility, compassion, and a commitment to strengthening the life of the Church. His installation is not merely the beginning of a new episcopacy—it is a blessing for the people of Albany and a source of re-

newed hope for ministries working to uphold the dignity of the human person.

His pastoral style reflects the very heart of the Carmelite mission:

to see Christ in every person, to uplift the vulnerable, and to protect the sanctity of human life—with tenderness, with courage, and with love.

A SHARED MISSION: PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING CATHOLIC MINISTRY

As Catholic eldercare faces unprecedented challenges—from operational pressures to the urgent need to preserve mission-driven homes—Bishop O'Connell's installation offers a timely reminder of the Church's commitment to serve those entrusted to our care, especially the aged, the frail, and the forgotten.

The Carmelite System Inc. and Carith Ministries work every day to safeguard these sacred ministries:

- preserving Catholic post-acute and senior care,
- strengthening homes and congregations, and
- ensuring that the love of Christ remains present in every hallway, every room, every act of care.

The brief yet meaningful encounter with Bishop O'Connell at the 2025 Redemptoris Mater Seminary Gala revealed a genuine pastoral sensitivity to this mission. His words of encouragement—and his interest in the future of Catholic el-



Bishop Mark O'Connell - Bishop of Albany Diocese.

dercare—reflected a bishop who understands the heart of service.

A MOMENT OF RENEWAL FOR THE CHURCH

The installation of a bishop is a moment of unity, hope, and prayer. It reminds the faithful that leadership in the Church is not merely administrative—it is spiritual stew-

ardship. It is a call to walk with God's people, to discern with them, and to lead them with a heart modeled after Christ the Good Shepherd.

Bishop O'Connell now steps into this sacred role in a diocese ready for renewal, ready for healing, and ready for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

As an organization dedicated to serving those who have walked life's longest road, The Carmelite System Inc. and Carith Ministries stand with him in prayer and partnership.

A BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD

Today, we offer Bishop O'Connell our deepest congratulations and our unwavering prayers.

May his ministry be guided by wisdom, strengthened by grace, and filled with the peace that can only come from Christ.

May he lead with gentleness, discernment, and courage.

May he continue to inspire hope among the people of the Diocese of Albany.

And may the Holy Spirit accompany him as he shepherds with a heart open to God and to all those he serves.

Congratulations, Bishop Mark O'Connell.

May your episcopal ministry be blessed, fruitful, and filled with the love of Christ.

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The Difference... is Love.



L-R Sister Peter Lilian, Mother Mary Rose, Sister Jeanne



L-R : Sister Mark Randall, Bishop Mark O'Connell, Trish Gathers, Kahoney Anderson, Wayne Schuberth

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