

Dear Brother Priest,

Archbishop Gregory has requested that I communicate to you this morning that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Reverend William D. Byrne as the new Bishop of Springfield in Massachusetts.

I also share with you Archbishop Gregory's statement:

Pope Francis has chosen one of our most beloved and successful pastors in appointing **Father William D. Byrne** as the new bishop of the Diocese of Springfield in Massachusetts. Father Byrne will bring the heart of a pastor to his new appointment and enrich that local Church with his talents and energy. We wish him well even as we acknowledge his loss to the Archdiocese of Washington. He will always carry with him our prayers and deep admiration.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am Sincerely in Christ, Reverend Daniel B. Carson Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia