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Bishop Grob Ready to Come Home

LARRY HANSON
CATHOLIC HERALD STAFF

Whenever a man is elevated from priest to bishop or bishop to archbishop, he will usually express a degree of humility and/or disbelief.

For the Most Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob, an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago who will be installed as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee on Tuesday, Jan. 14, those expressions are genuine.

There is also a sense of excitement for Archbishop-Designate Grob, a native of Cross Plains (west of Madison) who is coming home.

If his interactions with key stakeholders in the archdiocese over the past two months are any indication, comfortable might be a solid word to describe the feelings of archdiocesan priests, retired priests, men and women religious, central office employees and his fellow bishops.

With a quick, self-deprecating wit and the ability to deflect attention off himself, Bishop Grob has had a way of making people feel seen and heard.

During the period between when Archbishop ListECKI submitted his retirement papers in March and when the papal nuncio, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, called Bishop Grob to inform him of Pope Francis' choice, Bishop Grob had heard some inklings he might be headed to Milwaukee. However, he tended to ignore the rumors and go about his business as the Vicar General for Vicariate 1 in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As the Vicar General, Bishop Grob had



▲ For the Most Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob, becoming the Archbishop of Milwaukee on Jan. 14 will be a homecoming. Bishop Grob, shown here at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, is a Wisconsin native who is currently an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago. (Photo by David Bernacchi)

oversight of 42 parishes and 30 schools. He also served on the Catholic Identity Committee for the Schools Office and on the Catholic School Board, along with being Cardinal Blaise Cupich's delegate to the Independent Review Board, with regards to misconduct.

Bishop Grob said when he saw the nuncio's phone number on his caller ID, he was pretty certain it wasn't a social call.

"I knew it was one of those grounding moments where in my spirit, I felt, 'OK, this is the call,'" Bishop Grob said. "There are other dioceses (with open spots). I honestly never thought I'd be coming to Milwaukee."

He is making his homecoming at an exciting time for the Church both

locally and globally — Saint Francis de Sales Seminary is in the midst of record-breaking attendance and undergoing the first major capital campaign in its history; on the heels of the National Eucharistic Congress in July, the United States bishops are completing a three-year National Eucharistic Revival; the global Church has just started a Jubilee Year; and the impact of Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality should start trickling down to local dioceses.

"Archbishop ListECKI's put a lot of blood, sweat and tears — along with all those who supported him — in seeing the archdiocese through some very difficult times with bankruptcy, with misconduct, with all those kinds

“ I keep coming back to the same word ... (there's) just a sense of being comfortable. I know it's a goofy word to use, but I mean it in a sense of coming back to home, coming back to center. ”

— Most Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob

of things,” Bishop Grob said. “He, in many ways, is giving me a true blessing, a pearl of great price. In that sense, it truly is exciting. How do we grow at that? Not to say, ‘Well, we've arrived, and we're at Mount Tabor, and let's set up tents and stay here.’ We've got to continue to expand. How do we continue to grow and reach out to young people and to build on those things? As far as the Real Presence of the Eucharist, seeing it in Indianapolis, I had the privilege of being there from Wednesday to through the conclusion of it on that Sunday. The young communities of sisters and the seminarians and the permanent deacons, and walking through the streets and the cheers and support, it's a new moment sure and shame on us if we don't use that or let one more thing kind of fall off the table. We can't afford to miss those opportunities.”

Biography of Most Rev. Jeffrey Scott Grob

Jeffrey Scott Grob was named Archbishop of Milwaukee by Pope Francis on November 4, 2024.

Born March 19, 1961, in Madison, Wisconsin, Archbishop Grob was the only child born to Bonnie (Meinholz) Grob and the late Gerald Grob. He grew up on a dairy farm in nearby Cross Plains.

From 1975 to 1979, Archbishop Grob attended Holy Name High School Seminary in Madison.

He received a bachelor's degree in religious studies from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio in 1988, and went on to complete his priestly formation at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary in 1992.

Archbishop Grob was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin on May 23, 1992 and has served in many roles in his 32 years there in addition to pursuing advanced studies.

Archbishop Grob served as resident and then Associate Pastor of Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Parish in Winnetka, Illinois from 1992 to 1998 while pursuing graduate studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary. He completed them in 1999 with a licentiate in sacred theology.

In 1994, Archbishop Grob also began many years of service to the entire Archdiocese of Chicago in the following roles: Assistant to the Chancellor, 1994-

1998; Assistant to the Archdiocesan Exorcist, 2003-2006; Associate Vicar for Canonical Services, 2003-2008; and Dean of Deanery IV-D, 2008-2009.

During this time, Archbishop Grob also continued studies. He earned a licentiate in canon law in 2000 as well as a doctorate of canon law in 2007, both from St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. Archbishop Grob also received a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 2007.

He also served as a Judge with the Court of Appeals of the Province of Chicago from 2003 to 2013, and then as Judicial Vicar for the archdiocese from 2013 to 2015 and 2017 to 2020.

In addition, Archbishop Grob served as

pastor of St. Celestine Church in Elmwood Park, Illinois from 2008 to 2013.

Since 2015, Archbishop Grob has served as Chancellor for the Archdiocese of Chicago, as well as the Archbishop's Liaison to Lay Ecclesial Movements and New Communities.

Since 2010, he also has served as the Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board. Pope Francis appointed then-Father Grob as an Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago on September 11, 2020. He was ordained to the episcopacy by Cardinal Blase Cupich on November 13, 2020.

The new Bishop Grob chose for his Episcopal motto the phrase "Jesus the Vine" from the Gospel of John (John 15:5): "I am the vine, you are the branches."

FROM CROSS PLAINS TO MILWAUKEE



Born in Madison

March 19, 1961



Ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago

1988

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2000

Earns a doctorate in canon law from St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada

2007

Named chancellor for the Archdiocese of Chicago

2015 - Present



Ordained as bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago

November 13, 2020



Named Archbishop-Designate for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

November 4, 2024



Receives bachelor's degree in religious studies from Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio

Bonnie Grob Keeps Son Grounded

COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ
CATHOLIC HERALD STAFF

We Catholics tend to feel that the best way to get to know a person is by becoming friends with their mom (case in point: the Blessed Virgin Mary).

So the people of southeastern Wisconsin will, no doubt, be anxious to meet

Bonnie Grob, the mother of Archbishop-Designate Jeffrey S. Grob. More than just the woman who raised a future archbishop, Bonnie Grob is the person who, in the words of her son, keeps him “grounded” even today, as his life takes an unexpected turn toward the highest ecclesiastical office in Wisconsin.

“I really believe it helps to ground me, that kind of support,” said Bishop Grob. “It’s easy to become isolated. That’s a concern I have for my brother priests.”

The two have lived together since Bonnie Grob’s initial battle with breast cancer almost 20 years ago, spending the last decade at St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park, Illinois, where Bishop Grob formerly served as pastor. Shortly before Christmas, Bishop Grob and his mother took a break from packing up their belongings (and their beloved pet parrots) to speak with the Catholic Herald about their family, their hopes for the future and their upcoming move to Milwaukee.

Bonnie Grob has never doubted the priesthood was her son’s calling, but she certainly never expected him to go quite so far, as she said, “up the ladder.”

“I just wish his dad could have hung around longer and seen this all happen,” said Bonnie Grob, who lost Gerald, her husband of 34 years, in a plane crash in 1995. “But I’m sure he is watching from upstairs, and his grandparents and everybody else that has gone before us. They’d be all so proud. It’s quite a step.”

Especially for people who pride themselves on being “down-home folk,” in the words of Bishop Grob: “I always say, we’re from somewhere between the tavern and the farm.”

He means that literally. Bonnie Meinholz Grob grew up above her maternal grandparents’ tavern, Bollig’s Bar, in “the big metropolis” (the wink is audible in her voice as she says it) of Cross Plains (just



▲ The Most Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob, and his mother, Bonnie, enjoy a moment after he is ordained a bishop in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2020. Grob, who is one of Chicago’s six auxiliary bishops, will be installed as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee Jan. 14. (Submitted photo)

west of Madison), and even today she has the quick wit and the vibrant stories of a small-town bartender. But it’s mixed with the open, easy warmth of a farmer’s wife, because in 1960, she wed Gerald Grob and moved onto his parents’ 320-acre farm in the township of Berry, where the family would raise their only child — along with a lot of Brown Swiss cattle.

The city girl might have felt out of place at first — “I could make a mean drink, but I had to learn about cows,” she said — but it didn’t take long for her to love the country life.

“I lived with my in-laws, and so many people say, ‘Oh my God, living with your in-laws!’ I couldn’t have had a better pair of people. They were just super, super people,” she said of Bishop Grob’s grandpa Tony and grandma Ann Grob. During the week, when he wasn’t in the classrooms

of the School Sisters of St. Francis at St. Francis Xavier Grade School in Cross Plains, Bishop Grob played Mass on the front porch of the farmhouse using Necco wafers for hosts while his paternal grandparents obligingly formed the congregation. On the weekends, he would go to Cross Plains to spend time with his “Grandma Pae” Meinholz, who still ran the bar.

“He had the best of both worlds,” said Bonnie Grob.

Bonnie Grob continued to tend bar on the night shift at Bollig’s, but the farm life certainly influenced her. To this day, she is an accomplished baker, and her famous seven-layer “Hello Dolly” bars are beloved by many — including Cardinal Blase Cupich, the archbishop of Chicago. She makes sure to get a batch to His Eminence whenever her son is going to see him.

“I always try to make it a point that he gets some bars,” she said.

In the mid-1970s, when their only child expressed an interest in the priesthood and a desire to attend Holy Name High School Seminary in Madison, Bonnie and Gerald Grob were supportive — it was, said Bonnie, “his blood calling.” Meanwhile, they were keeping plenty busy themselves. When Gerald’s parents retired from farming, he decided to go into trucking — and decided his wife should, too.

“It was so comical,” said Bonnie Grob. “He just said, one day, ‘We’re going to try something different. We’re going to go trucking.’” The couple obtained their commercial driver’s licenses and purchased a brand-new Peterbilt refrigerated semi-tractor trailer. They spent the next two decades hauling cheese and dairy out of Wisconsin to the

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Bishop Grob Has Longtime Love of Animals

COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ
CATHOLIC HERALD STAFF

You can take the bishop out of the farm, it seems, but you can't take the farm out of the bishop.

Every morning, Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob gets up and does what he laughingly calls his "farm chores" — feeding and cleaning the cages of the four birds he and his mom Bonnie share their home with.

"There's a responsibility and commitment. We're firm believers in that. You hear too many horror stories about people not taking care of their pets," he said. Caring for animals, in his view, is good for the

soul. "Even something as simple as our birds — it means you have responsibility for someone or something else. You don't get lost in yourself, in your own ego."

Their family of four birds has its unofficial leader in Windancer, an African Gray parrot. The breed is known to be the "Einstein of parrots," said Bonnie Grob, and can often have a vocabulary of up to 500 words. In fact, Windancer has learned the names of the other three parrots and takes it upon himself to correct them when they're getting out of line.

"He has the attitude of a perpetual teenager," Bishop Grob said.



▲ Archbishop-Designate Jeffrey S. Grob has four birds, continuing a lifelong love of animals that began when he grew up on a farm in Cross Plains. (Photo courtesy of Chicago Catholic)

A love of animals isn't a recent development for the Grob family. In addition to Rusty, their trusty cattle dog, there was always a pet parrot or cockatiel in the farmhouse in Cross Plains, and as a

boy, Bishop Grob was known to make pets of the wild game the family raised on the land. "I had several pet quail," he recalled. One summer, he adopted an orphaned raccoon that he found crying in a tree. The family named her "Toddy," fed her milk with an eyedropper and left food out in the machine shed for her.

Eventually Toddy learned to climb on the garage roof and scratch at the kitchen window when she wanted to be fed, and Bonnie Grob would make her Tombstone pizzas after pulling the night shift at her parents' bar in town. Toddy even returned the following year with a litter of babies, sure that she would find food and hospitality at the Grob home.

"We were 'Laudato Si' before 'Laudato Si,'" quipped Bishop Grob, referencing Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for our common home.

► BONNIE GROB, FROM PAGE 4

West Coast, coming back with what truckers call a "tossed salad" — lettuce, carrots, other vegetables and fruits.

"We had fun," she said. "Truckers are the most beautiful people you ever want to meet. They are some good folks. There's nobody they aren't going to help out."

Gerald Grob died in September 1995 in a plane crash on a fishing trip in Canada. Following that, the family sold the farm and Bonnie Grob moved to a condo in Madison. When she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005, Bishop Grob, then judge of Chicago's Archdiocesan Court of Appeals, suggested that she move in with him.

"For me, it was the most logical thing," said Bishop Grob. "Losing Dad as suddenly and as tragically as that — I mean, it's just Mom and I. We come from a small clan. It was just natural."

Walking with his mother through her cancer journey (she has faced three recurrences of the disease), Bishop Grob said he has learned how essential it is "to have an advocate when you're going for test results or appointments."

"(As the patient), your mind is in a million different places, and so to have another person just to hear things, to ask questions, is important," he said.

For her part, Bonnie Grob is grateful to have her son's support — and a first-row seat to the living out of his vocation.

"People always say, 'You know, your son is such a gentleman.' And I say, 'Well, maybe that's the best part of God coming out in him,'" she said. "He's just a good kid."

"I pay her to say these things," Bishop Grob interjected with a laugh.

But Bonnie Grob doesn't gush about her son or his accomplishments — there is too much of the pragmatic farmer's wife in her for that. She simply acknowledges that, perhaps, God had a plan all along for those porch Masses and Necco wafers.

"The thing about (Jeff) is, he does have a very gentle soul. And I think the way our world is going, boy, we need a lot of gentleness," she said. "We need some hope and some light and some gentleness in this world, and I hope that is going to be his mission in Milwaukee."

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powerful intercession,
and obtain for him
from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings,
through the same Christ,
our Lord.

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on your installation as the Twelfth Archbishop
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We rejoice with you on this joyful occasion as we celebrate your appointment to
our neighboring diocese. May God bless you as you shepherd your people.



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Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob

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Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
on his appointment as the
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On his installation as the 12th
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and the faithful of the
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Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
on his installation as
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of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee





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from

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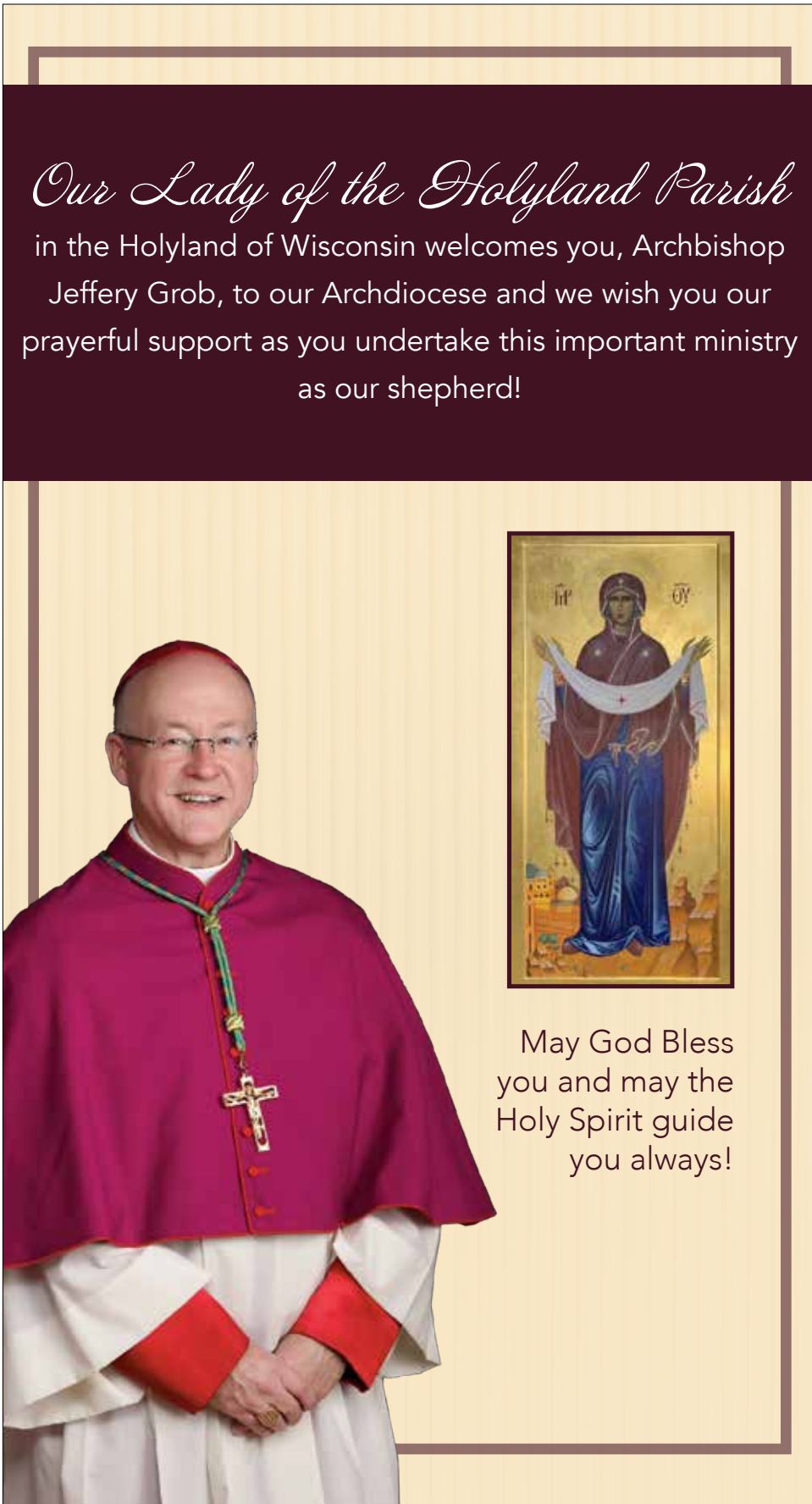
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May God Bless you and may the Holy Spirit guide you always!

'He's Authentic': Grob Makes Strong Impression in Hometown

JAY SORGI
SPECIAL TO THE CATHOLIC HERALD

For three months every year, people around Wisconsin descend upon Enchanted Valley Acres in Cross Plains, a 25-minute drive west of Madison. When leaves hit the ground, it's time for Halloween pumpkins. When snow falls, it's time to get your Christmas tree.

But besides the property's signature big red barn, there are signs and symbols all over the property and its neighboring lands that reflect how Archbishop-Designate Jeffrey S. Grob grew up, how he gained his hard-working and humble values, and how the farm helped infuse an authenticity in how he treats people as a shepherd of their faith — from the average person to the celebrity who eventually bought his family's property.

"You can see cattle trails in the woods when there's snow on the ground, and how the cattle had walked back and forth on the hillsides. Those still exist," said Chris Kirsch, owner of Enchanted Valley Acres. So do the fence posts and barbed wiring that protected the property and its cattle, and decades-old shotgun shells from Bishop Grob and his family going deer hunting in November.

"How they work the land, and how they were trying to make the most of the land. That's what we're still doing nowadays. That's what farmers do."

Kirsch and his wife, Angela, purchased the property with friends in 2011 and started planting Christmas trees. They have been the sole owners since 2021 and find that fall and Christmas visitors like to learn about the farm's history.

In the barn that's part of the Enchanted Valley Acres complex, you'll see old



▲ Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob stands in front of the barn on his family's former farm in Cross Plains, a Dane County community of 4,100 just west of Madison. (Submitted photo)

photos of Bishop Grob's ancestors, his grandparents and great-grandparents, photos that showcase those whose values were passed on to him.

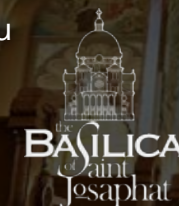
"I blew them all up into poster-size, and they're now in the basement of the barn, and some of these photos date back over 100 years ago," said Kirsch.

"I find it so wonderful that when I walk into the barn and I see people reading the captions of the photos and looking at the pictures, and then somebody might tell me, 'Yeah, I remember.' That's a wonderful museum of sorts."

Yet despite an early life mainly spent either on the farm or in school, the archbishop-designate seemed to have an early sense that the priesthood was



Archbishop Grob,
The friars and faithful of the
Basilica of St. Josaphat
warmly welcome you
home to Wisconsin! We
look forward to growing in
faith together under your
guidance. May the Lord
grant you peace and all
good things as you
become our
shepherd.



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Welcome Archbishop Grob!

With hearts full of faith, St. Mary's Springs Academy is filled with joy to welcome Archbishop Grob as our newest spiritual leader.

We offer our prayers as Archbishop Grob begins this important journey in our Archdiocese. May God's grace continue to inspire his leadership, and may he be filled with peace, love, and wisdom as he guides us to a deeper devotion and unity with Christ.



Welcome Home!

The Felician Sisters of North America congratulate

**The Most Reverend
Jeffrey S. Grob**

on his appointment as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and thank him for his dedicated service to the Archdiocese of Chicago.



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With joyful hearts, Marquette University's Board of Trustees, President Kimo Ah Yun, students, faculty, staff and alumni welcome you home. We share our prayerful best wishes as you begin your service to the Catholic community of Southeastern Wisconsin as our 12th archbishop.



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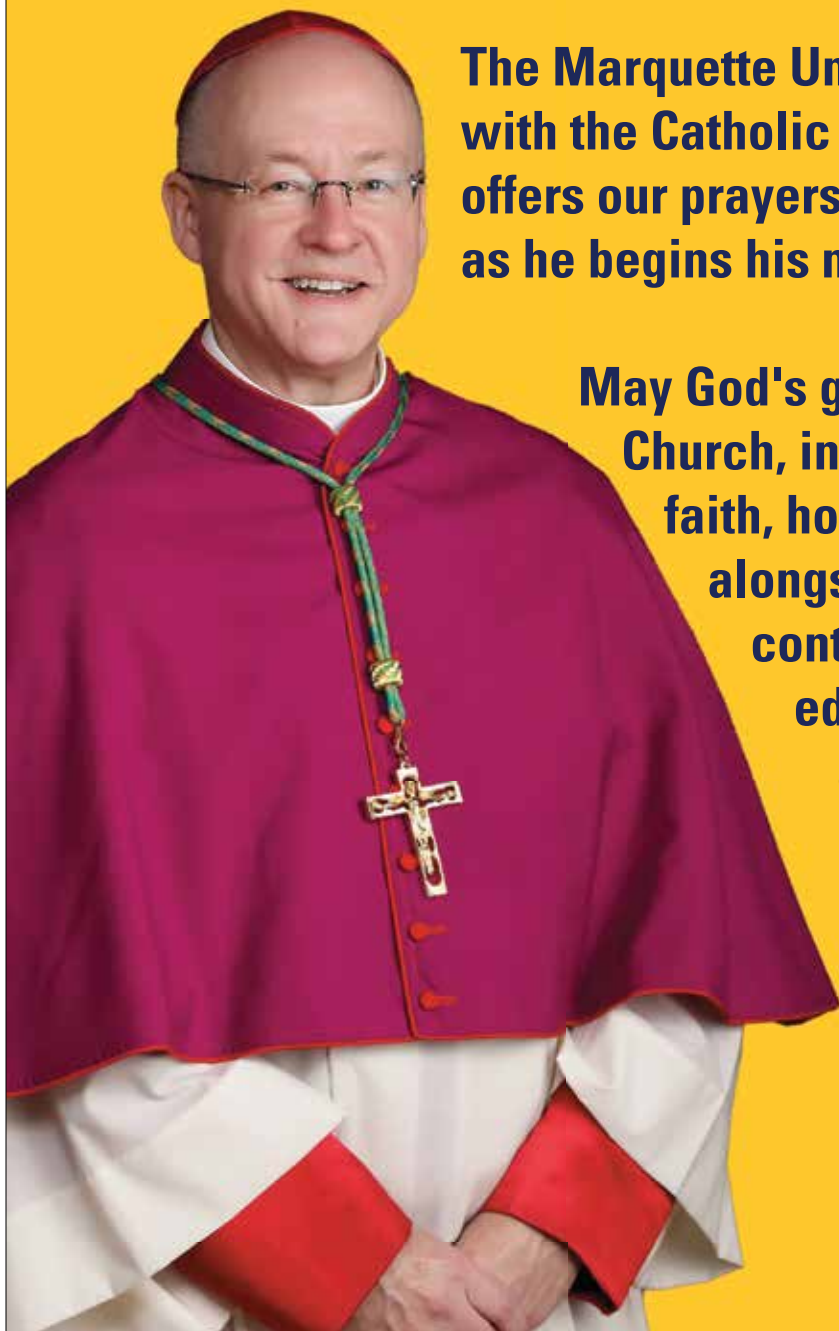
*Be assured of our prayers as you begin
your ministry among the faithful of
the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.*

*We pray that you will lead with
compassion and strength, enlightened
by divine wisdom and grace.*



With Joyful Hearts We Welcome

The Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob Archbishop of Milwaukee



The Marquette University High School community, together with the Catholic faithful across southeastern Wisconsin, offers our prayers and warmest welcome to Archbishop Grob as he begins his ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

May God's grace guide you as you shepherd our local Church, inspire our youth, and lead our community in faith, hope, and charity. We look forward to walking alongside you in service to Christ and His Church, continuing the rich tradition of Catholic education that has been a cornerstone of our archdiocese for generations.

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▲ The former Grob family farm is now known as Enchanted Valley Acres. The present owners offer activities such as pumpkin purchases and a corn maze in the fall and Christmas tree sales in November and December. (Submitted photo)

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calling him.

“Archbishop Grob — from what I’ve heard from some people that knew him at a young age — knew what he wanted to do from a very young age,” said Kirsch about the bishop who regularly comes back from big-city Chicago to little Cross Plains to offer Mass.

“There are folks in the area that said he would give ‘communion’ out when he was a young boy on the steps of the farmhouse to neighbors, family and friends. So he knew his pathway from a very young age ... he’s been devoted to the same thing his whole life.”

Jim Tubbs, a friend of the archbishop-designate and the CEO of Lake Ridge Bank in Dane County, said the ending of Bishop Grob’s journey with the farm came with his father’s death in a plane crash when he was a priest in Chicago. He decided to sell part of the property to Tubbs. But another part of the property went to a three-time NBA champion.

“After about four years, his uncle



▲ Bonnie Grob; her son, Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob; and Chris Kirsch, the present owner of the former Grob farm, visit at the farm in Cross Plains just outside of Madison. (Submitted photo)

passes away, and so now Jeff is left with a decision of, ‘Do I want to own this acreage with my cousins, or should I sell some of it?’ Well, he did something quite magical,” said Tubbs.

“He was able to subdivide some parcels out for his cousins ... the remaining acreage, which is about 140 acres, he sold to B.J. Armstrong of the Chicago Bulls. All of a sudden, I’m sitting at my house, and a black SUV Mercedes Benz pulls up, and B.J. Armstrong walks out, and at this time, he’s still playing for the



Bishop Joseph M. Siegel
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Jeffrey S. Grob*

as he celebrates his
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as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee.

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The Catholic Church in Southwestern Indiana

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Bishop Robert Barron
and the faithful of the
Diocese of Winona-Rochester
congratulate
Archbishop Jeffrey Grob
on his installation as the
Twelfth Archbishop of Milwaukee.

God bless you!



▲ Bishop Jeffrey Grob's paternal grandparents and his parents operated the family farm at Cross Plains when he was growing up in the 1960s and 1970s. At one point, Chicago Bulls point guard B.J. Armstrong purchased the property after then-Father Grob performed his wedding ceremony and the two developed a friendship. (Submitted photo)

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Chicago Bulls. I asked, 'What brings you here?' And he goes, 'I just bought the rest of the farm from Fr. Grob.' And I said, 'How did you ever get to know him?' And he said, 'He was my priest at my wedding, and I really developed a great relationship.'"

The archbishop-designate's ability to relate to people from any walk of life showcases how his varied life experiences — and how he saw God within them — have touched his life. Perhaps that, along with the values of farm life, give Tubbs the view of why Pope Francis chose Bishop Grob for the job.

"I don't think they could pick a better person to keep climbing the ladder," Tubbs said.

"Jeff has always been extremely genuine. He's authentic. Truly when you visit



▲ Christmas trees are one crop now grown at Enchanted Valley Acres, where Bishop Jeffrey Grob grew up at Cross Plains, a small town in Dane County just west of Madison. (Submitted photo)

with him, when you get to know him, that is the person that he truly is. He isn't trying to be somebody outside, trying to overdo something. He is a real pleasure to be around, because you know his appreciation of your conversation is very genuine, and he just has been a tremendous asset in my life and a great friend."

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ARCHBISHOP JEFFREY S. GROB

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When Bishop Lou Tylka of Peoria entered the seminary in Mundelein, Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob was a new priest. The two met when they joined a dinner party to say farewell to another priest who was leaving for Louvain, France, to continue his studies.

“We became fast friends,” said Bishop Tylka. “I have immense respect for Bishop Grob. He is a well-crafted individual, intelligent and has a great sense of humor. We frequently gather in our friend circle, and I have always been able to rely on his help and guidance. As an aside, he is a canon lawyer, and one of my former professors said the best thing to do is to know a good canon lawyer. He has always been someone I could call.”

Bishop Tylka credited Bishop Grob’s

amicable personality and said the two could easily discuss anything, whether family or church related.

“We spoke of our families and our hopes and dreams for the priesthood,” Bishop Tylka said. “He was one of the first people I talked to about me becoming a bishop. I was named before him, and when he was named a bishop, I was among the first people he told. One reality is that when you become a bishop, you always carry around that identity and the Office of the Church that was entrusted to you. Just as a doctor needs to talk to another doctor and a teacher to another teacher, one of the great blessings over the last few years is the ability to share experiences and seek each other’s wisdom. It is also very nice to go to each other for Confession and experience God’s mercy.”

As an only child, Bishop Grob has enjoyed having his mother, Bonnie, living with him over the years. Their close relationship has been a source of strength and support for Bishop Grob, shaping his character and values. At one point, they were preparing to move from where they were living when Bishop Tylka offered his large rectory for them to live with him.

“We had a conversation about it, and I was happy to have them move in. It was the best rectory I lived in, and we nicknamed it the zoo,” he said. “We had one mother, two priests, two dogs and six birds, one of them an African Grey parrot. We had so much fun, and I teased him about his German orderliness. For example, I would set

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▲ Archdiocese of Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob (left) and Diocese of Peoria Bishop Lou Tylka are longtime friends. Pope Francis named each a bishop in 2020. (Submitted photo)



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▲ Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob, fourth from left, and Daniel Payne, fifth from left, gather with longtime friends who admire his compassion and ability to bring people together. (Submitted photo)

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my coffee down and still have half a cup left. It would disappear because it sat too long on the counter. Bishop Grob would have washed it and put it away before I knew the coffee was gone. We laughed about that and so many things during that time.”

Bishop Tylka explained that Chicago’s loss is Milwaukee’s gain, adding that Bishop Grob is a tremendous priest and bishop. Archbishop-Designate Grob will be installed as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee on Jan. 14.

“He loves the Lord, loves the Church and will do all he can to serve both because he is a wise man and knowledgeable,” he said. “Milwaukee is getting an archbishop filled with compassion, wisdom and a great sense of humor.”

Daniel Payne, who has been friends with Bishop Grob, whom he affectionately calls Scotty, for 34 years, met him through a mutual friend. While he is of the Baptist faith, the two became long-term friends.

“There was a group of us who got together often, about 30 years ago, and so many of them had the first name Jeffrey,” he said. “It was like a Three Stooges skit with us saying Jeffrey this, no not you Jeffrey, this Jeffrey. I thought this was too much, so from that point on, I called everyone by their middle names. I started calling him Scotty 30 years ago, and I still do. He

laughs and thinks it is funny.”

Payne appreciates the many times he attended various events where Bishop Grob officiated. Their faith differences make no difference, and in their friend group, there are Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Muslims and an atheist; none of those differences mattered to Bishop Grob. His ability to bridge these faith gaps makes everyone feel included and valued.

“Sometimes I felt as if I were Catholic because I attended so many of his services,” Payne said. “In fact, before my mother died, she asked me if I converted to Catholicism. I was curious why she asked me that, and she said, ‘You seem to do a lot of Catholic things, and it seems like you are becoming Catholic.’ I laughed and assured her that I was not converting.”

When Payne’s parents passed away, Bishop Grob’s presence at the service in his church was deeply comforting. Impressed by the bishop’s support, his pastor invited him to the pulpit with the other ministers, a gesture that spoke volumes about Bishop Grob’s influence and respect within the community.

“My pastor was touched that Scotty came to support me and told me he was a wonderful man,” Payne said. “He is not just a friend but a great spiritual leader. I admire him and his sensibility and unwavering

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commitment to the Church. He has the remarkable ability to unite others. He is why this group of us has been friends for 25 or more years.”

A Muslim from Islamabad, Pakistan, Mustafa Siddiqui is another close friend who knows more than many about the Catholic faith. He has also attended many Masses and other events officiated by Bishop Grob.

“He has never tried to convert me; he knows a lot about the Muslim faith and respects who I am and my beliefs. I have learned a lot about Catholicism from being his friend. He listens well and is a kind, thoughtful and caring person who will do his best to help anyone,” he said. “If I see something I might disagree with, I am honest with him, and he is open to listening to me talk about it. He will often take it back home and think more about it.”

Siddiqui said he has watched Bishop Grob’s career and how well he cared for his parishes and continues to shepherd the parishes in his vicariate.

“He has done fantastic work in the Chicago communities, and I know he will do well in Milwaukee as the new archbishop,” he said. “He is a great asset and a good servant to the people.”

Siddiqui and Bishop Grob met at a dinner party in 1995, and their friendship grew organically along with the same group of friends that still gather today.

“Bishop Grob will make a great leader for Milwaukee because he is always available and will serve the community because he is charming and a great listener,” Siddiqui said. “He never imposes his view on you; he listens, absorbs it and doesn’t push anyone. He gives peace to people from all walks of life and tries accommodating them. Those from our friend group are looking forward to taking a road trip to get together occasionally.”

Peter and Jacqueline Beal-DelVecchio first met Bishop Grob in 1994, when he hired Peter to serve as the youth minister at Ss. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish.



◀ Peter and Jacqueline Beal-DelVecchio became friends with Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob when he was an associate pastor at a suburban Chicago parish and Peter was hired as youth minister. (Submitted photo)

“Jackie and I became friends with him not long after I started working at SsFHC,” Peter said. “Jackie volunteered with the KAIROS retreat that Bishop Grob and I ran at the parish where he was associate pastor at the time.”

When Bishop Grob’s life reached vocational milestones, Jackie and Peter were there to celebrate his becoming a pastor and his becoming an auxiliary bishop.

“We’ve been there for personal moments, such as his dad’s funeral, cleaning out his family’s farmhouse and his mom’s health trials,” said Jackie. “He has also been there for us, as well, such as for our marriage; Baptism of our three children; through Pete’s cancer diagnosis; and now as our children graduate from high school and college. We enjoy honest conversations about faith and the Church. We have grown with each other over 30 years in faith and as people endeavoring to live the gospel in our daily lives. We can be open and down to earth with each other, grounded and calling each other to be our best selves.”

According to Peter, Bishop Grob is a man of deep faith. He understands that God loves him and understands that all are his children. He is empathetic, which adds to his overall pastoral nature.

“As a priest, you journey with people on their best days and often their worst days. Bishop Grob always seeks to find joy in life and balance some of the harsh realities he witnesses. In addition, he is highly organized, has an incredible work ethic (perhaps a product of growing up on a farm in Wisconsin) and is highly intelligent,” said Peter. “As a bishop, you are an

administrator as well as a priest. His ability to manage many projects simultaneously will serve the people of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee well. We believe he will be a pastoral shepherd with a keen ability to manage the practical side of running the archdiocese.”

A strong, kind leader, Bishop Grob was compassionate and approachable when Peter served as youth minister.

“I could bring any question to him, and he would make time to answer and help me understand; you always feel heard when

talking with him. Even if your views do not align or he makes a different decision, you know he heard you and why Bishop Grob made that decision,” he explained. “He leads in different ways depending on the situation: He leads from behind, allowing others to show the way; he leads from the side as a companion on the journey; he leads from the front, calling people to follow.”

In addition to hosting dinner gatherings for his friends, Bishop Grob has friends around the world whom he met during his studies abroad or friends living in the English countryside.

“He has developed strong friendships that stand the test of time and distance. While we spend less time together these days because of our busy schedules, when we are together, it is as if no time has passed. We know each other and our families so well that we know who to ask about and get updates,” said Peter. “The Holy Father could not have made a better choice for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.”

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Grob to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.



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Seminarian Shares Bonds With Bishop Grob

KATHLEEN MCGILLIS DRAYNA
CATHOLIC HERALD STAFF

Our next archbishop is a farm boy who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s northeast of Cross Plains, a Dane County community of about 1,500 at that time.

It's a place and a lifestyle foreign to many modern-day seminarians at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary in St. Francis, but it's very, very familiar to one of them.

Barry Meinholz, a third-year seminarian of the Diocese of Madison, grew up in the 1990s and 2000s on a farm on the other side of Cross Plains about five miles from the former Grob farm.

But Meinholz shares an even greater bond with Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob, the Archdiocese of Chicago auxiliary bishop who will be installed as the Archbishop of

Milwaukee on Jan. 14.

Bishop Grob and Meinholz are double third cousins, according to family genealogy research shared by Meinholz's aunt, Rosie Meinholz, that was researched by another family member. Their great-grandfathers were brothers who married sisters and settled in the Cross Plains/Ashton area. The two couples had a total of 17 children and many generations remain in that area just west of Madison.

Rosie Meinholz drew on the book "Meinholz Family History and Genealogy (1709-1982)" authored by her father's cousin, Margie Meinholz Meyer, to share the family ties. The book is part of the Library of Congress and the University of Wisconsin's Max Kade Institute for



▲ Barry Meinholz is a third-year seminarian of the Diocese of Madison who attends Saint Francis de Sales Seminary. He has a number of ties with Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob, who will be installed as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee on Jan. 14. (Photo by Kathleen McGillis Drayna)

German-American Studies.

Barry Meinholz knew he was distantly related to Bishop Grob when he found out Nov. 4 along with the rest of the world that Pope Francis had selected Bishop Grob as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee.

His fellow seminarians knew of the connection and greeted him with a standing ovation at breakfast that day.

As part of his introduction to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee the day his appointment was announced, Bishop Grob addressed all the Saint Francis seminarians several hours later at the seminary.

"He seemed to be very supportive of

“I was surprised, that out of all the people who could have been selected, that it would be someone who was from my hometown and related to me.”

— Barry Meinholz, a seminarian for the Diocese of Madison who attends Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, St. Francis

the seminary and seminarians and had a fatherly presence,” Meinholz said. “I hope to see him around and maybe get the chance to get to know him more. I believe I only first met him six or seven years ago. I have served for him a couple of times when he has been at home to celebrate Mass.”

Bishop Grob — whose mother, Bonnie Grob, was a Meinholz — and Barry Meinholz both grew up as members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Cross Plains, which now has about 4,100 residents.

Meinholz recalled his past contact with the new archbishop as positive.

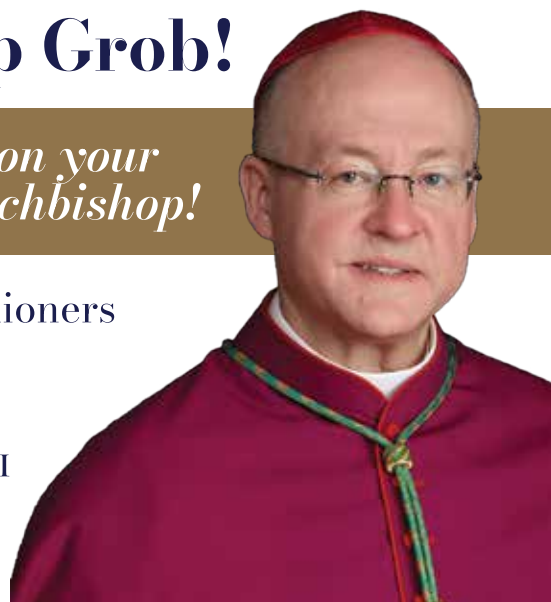
“He always seemed to be friendly and supportive. I would say he is generous, too. A few years ago, I was looking for a set of the Liturgy of the Hours for a friend. He happened to be at Saint Francis, so I asked him if he would have

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Historical Liturgical Items

METROPOLITAN CROSS, c.1875

This cross, carried in recession immediately preceding Archbishop Grob, was used by the first Archbishop of Milwaukee, Most Rev. John Martin Henni, when the diocese was raised to the state of archdiocese in 1875. Archbishop Henni served from 1843-81.

PITCHER AND BASIN, 1879

The pitcher and basin were given to Archbishop John Martin Henni in 1879 by the children of the Cathedral School in honor of the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Archbishop Henni was ordained in Bardstown, Kentucky, in 1829.

CROSIER, c.1891

The crosier being used by Archbishop Grob, which depicts the Blessed Virgin, belonged to Archbishop Frederick Xavier Katzer, third Archbishop of Milwaukee, who served from 1891-1903.

CHALICE, c.1935

The ornate chalice that Archbishop Grob is using, gold-plated with sterling silver filigree, was given to Archbishop William E. Cousins by then-Cardinal Eugene Pacelli, later to become Pope Pius XII. Archbishop Cousins served the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from 1959-77.

CRUETS, 1960

The cruets for water and wine used for the Eucharist were presented to Milwaukee Archbishop William E. Cousins on Dec. 21, 1960, by Bishop Aloysius J. Wycislo (Green Bay) and Bishop Cletus F. O'Donnell (Madison). Both Bishops Wycislo and O'Donnell were named auxiliary bishops of Chicago on that date.

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any leads of where to find a set. A few weeks later, he sent me a set of them." Bishop Grob and Meinholz have many relatives in their family who entered religious life.

Two brothers of their great-grandmothers were priests: Msgr. William Bronner was ordained in 1918, and Fr. Peter Bronner was ordained in 1933. Msgr. Bronner even taught at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary from 1926-43, and also served as a pastor in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for 27 years. In addition, three daughters of Meinholz's great-grandfather were nuns with the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Holy Family Convent, in Manitowoc: Sr. Leonora, Sr. Lucida and Sr. Melania.

When the Meinholz family celebrated 150 years in the United States in 2017, it was Fr. John Meinholz — a first cousin of Barry Meinholz's father — who celebrated Mass

at St. Peter Church in nearby Ashton. More than 600 people attended a gathering afterward at a family member's farm.

The Grob farm was sold many years ago and is now a Christmas tree farm.

Barry Meinholz's family remains on their farm. His father is a full-time farmer, growing corn, beans, wheat and pumpkins, in addition to helping his brother with his crop consulting business. Barry's mother works at St. Maria Goretti School in Madison, and also serves as the Cross Plains Town Clerk.

It was Johann and Anna Meinholz, the parents of Bishop Grob's and Meinholz's great-grandfather brothers, who first came to the area from Frixheim, Germany, in 1867 to farm.

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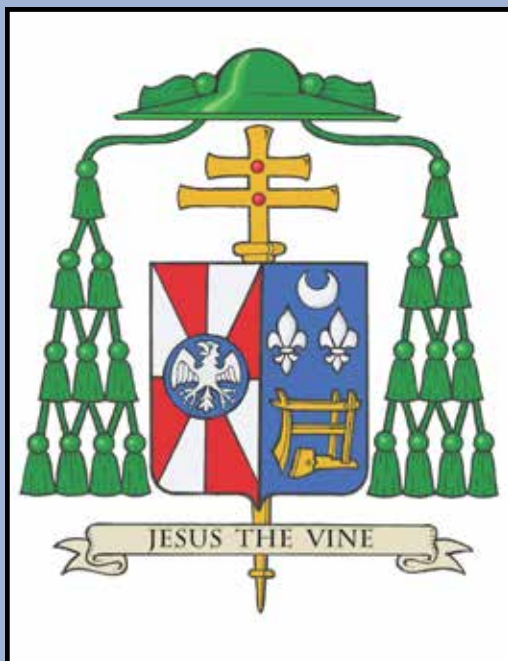
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Bishops Ready to Welcome New Shepherd

LARRY HANSON
CATHOLIC HERALD STAFF

On the day Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob was announced as the next Archbishop of Milwaukee, he approached Auxiliary Bishop Jeffrey R. Haines and asked him if it was OK that there was going to be another Bishop Jeff.

Bishop Haines told him, “you can never have too many.”

However, Bishop Haines then went on to “threaten” Milwaukee’s next shepherd by saying, “Having the same name, I may just forward all the calls to you.”

Bishop Grob’s demeanor and the sense Bishop Haines and Bishop James T. Schuerman have gotten from him in limited interactions have already made the two auxiliary bishops feel at ease. Bishop Grob, an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be installed Jan. 14 as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee.

“I’m very pleased, just given the quality of this person,” Bishop Schuerman said. “I couldn’t have thought of a better choice for us. It was really, I think, a godsend.”

Bishop Haines concurred.

“As far as the way he carries himself, the kind of priest he is, I think (the people of the archdiocese) are going to find a guy who has really wonderful human qualities — that he doesn’t look at himself as a prince of the Church,” Bishop Haines said. “He very much he sees himself as someone who is there to serve. I think people are going to know that right away, and they’re also going to know his desire to get to know people and care for them.”



▲ Bishop Grob



▲ Bishop Haines

Bishops Haines and Schuerman had gotten to know Archbishop-Designate Grob on a limited basis through regional bishops’ meetings and bumping into him at United States Conference of Catholic Bishops conferences, but they weren’t extremely familiar with the man from Cross Plains who was ordained an auxiliary bishop in Chicago in 2020.

At the most recent USCCB conference in Baltimore in November, Bishops Haines and Schuerman heard a number of ringing endorsements of Pope Francis’ choice to lead the 10-county region of southeastern Wisconsin.

“I can’t tell you how many bishops came up to Jim and I and said how fortunate we were to get him,” Bishop Haines said. “When people are going out of their way to say, ‘You are really blessed,’ that made us all feel pretty good.”

Bishop Schuerman admitted to the Catholic Herald that he heard Bishop Grob’s name bandied about



▲ Bishop Schuerman

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Evening Prayer, Installation Livestream Opportunity to Experience Historic Events

CATHOLIC HERALD STAFF

Two events tied to the welcoming and installation of Archbishop-Designate Jeffrey S. Grob will be livestreamed for local people as well as others across the country and the world to witness the historic event.

The livestreams — which also will be recorded for later viewing online anytime — make it possible for anyone interested to get a first-hand look at the traditions of the Catholic faith related to the installation of an archbishop.

The two events are:

■ 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, Evening Prayer and Vigil of Welcome

■ 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14, Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist on the occasion of the Installation of Bishop Grob as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee

The events can be viewed at the

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Facebook page or on the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist YouTube channel here: <https://tinyurl.com/mwr2ydfj>. The livestreams will be viewers' only opportunity to view these historic events, which are ticketed due to limited space.

The Jan. 14 Installation and Mass represents Archbishop-Designate Grob becoming the new shepherd of the archdiocese. Key points will include a large procession, a reading of and display of the apostolic mandate from Pope Francis regarding the appointment, and the seating of Archbishop-Designate Grob in the archbishop's seat of authority in the Cathedral, the mother church of the archdiocese.

The Papal Nuncio to the United States, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, will take part in the installation. A papal nuncio acts as an ambassador of the pope.

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speculatively between March, when Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI handed in his retirement papers, and November, when the announcement was made. However, he had also forgotten about that when the announcement was made.

"He's the sort of person I've always felt at ease around," Bishop Schuerman said. "When he began to speak of synodality as his approach, I thought, 'That's perfect.' It really is. He's going to be a good fit because he'll listen, he'll try and incorporate what the people have to say."

Added Bishop Haines, "I was just so happy it was someone we knew. I didn't even know he was from Wisconsin originally. So when he started talking about growing up, about Madison and how they would come down to Milwaukee to see the Brewers, I thought, 'Well, this is great.'"

Bishop Haines was also impressed that it appeared Bishop Grob had done some homework on the archdiocese before

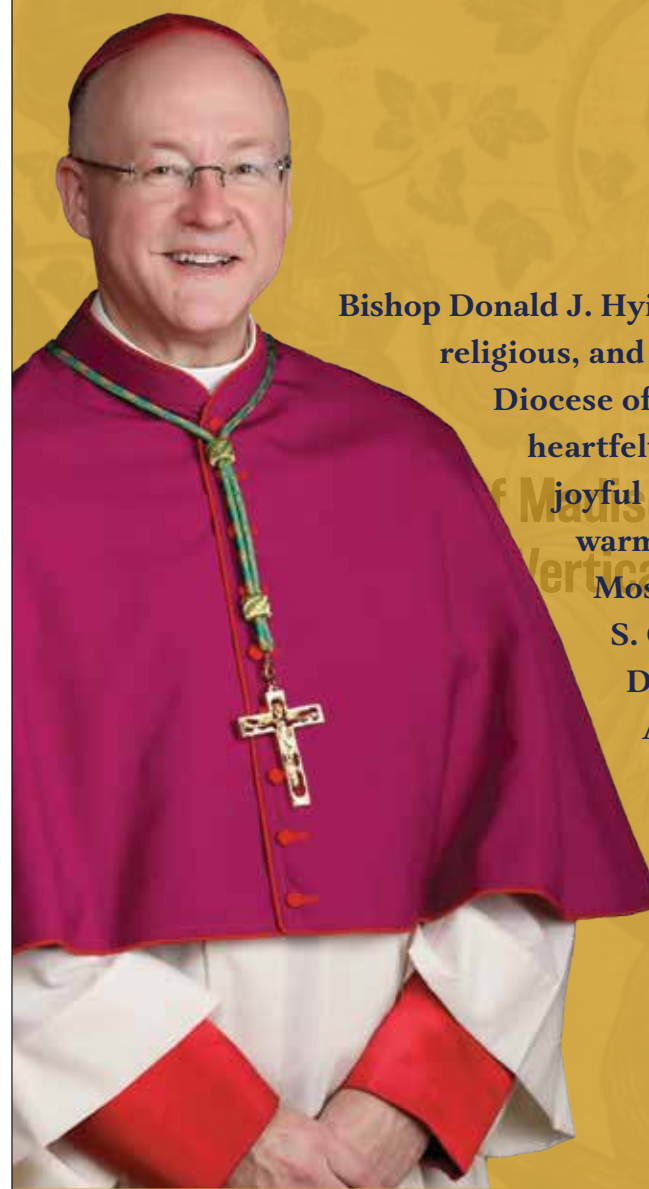
meeting with key stakeholders in the past two months.

Unlike in 2009, when Archbishop ListECKI was named as archbishop, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee doesn't have the cloud of potential bankruptcy looming over it in the wake the clergy abuse scandal.

Bishop Grob, on the other hand, will enter the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at a time of spiritual rebirth for the Church, both locally and globally.

"We're seeing some real signs of life that came along after (the bankruptcy process)," Bishop Schuerman said. "We have the seminary that's bulging, and they don't have room for everybody, which is a great sign. We have really active groups of people throughout the archdiocese — prayer groups, apostolic groups and all kinds of things going on. I think, right now, to have someone who is really grounded spiritually, is a real boon; it's going to help the archdiocese to grow."

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME HOME, *Archbishop-Designate Grob*



Bishop Donald J. Hying and the clergy, religious, and faithful of the Diocese of Madison extend heartfelt congratulations, joyful prayers, and a warm welcome to the Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob, Archbishop-Designate of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We're happy to have you back in Wisconsin!



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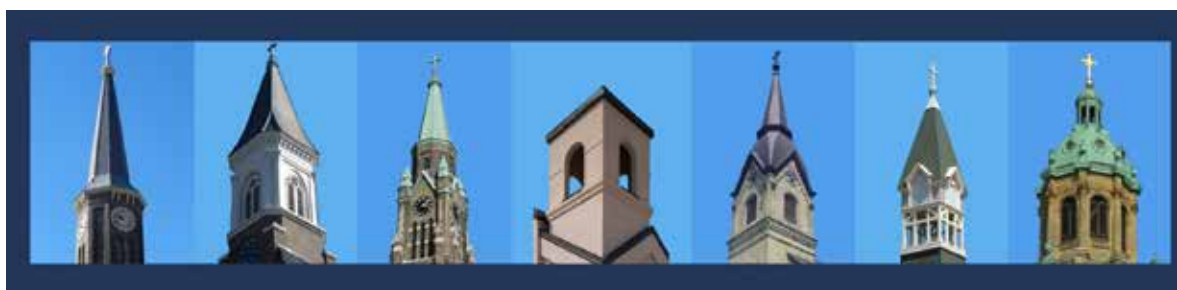
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HONORED TO
Welcome
THE MOST REVEREND
JEFFREY S. GROB

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 PETER 4:10



Congratulations, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob, on becoming the 12th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The Hmong Catholic Community of Sheboygan welcomes you with our prayers and gratitude.



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**Most Reverend
Jeffrey Grob**
Archbishop of Milwaukee

We are excited to continue praising God and serving our communities under your guidance.

**BLESSED TRINITY & ST. JOHN
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CATHOLIC PARISH**

With hearts full of joy and gratitude,
the people of Divine Mercy warmly welcome
the Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob, to our community!

Inspired by your guiding motto, "Jesus the Vine" (John 15:5),
we are reminded of the profound truth that we are all branches
nourished by the life-giving presence of Christ.

Through this connection, we grow in faith, hope, and love,
bearing fruit that reflects His glory.

As you begin your journey of shepherding us, Archbishop Grob,
we pray that the Lord strengthens you
with wisdom, compassion, and steadfastness.

May your leadership draw us closer to the Vine and to one another,
fostering a spirit of unity and mission within our diocese.

Together, we eagerly look forward to walking this path of faith with you,
trusting that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
will sustain and guide us all.

Welcome, Archbishop Grob!



Welcome, Archbishop Jeffrey Grob!

Fr. Jude Peters, OCD and St. Mary of the Hill Parish welcomes you to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee!
We are looking forward to working with you as we build our new church and prepare for the dedication in 2025.



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Romanus N. Nwaru, Staff and Members of Blessed Savior Catholic Parish
Congratulate and Welcome

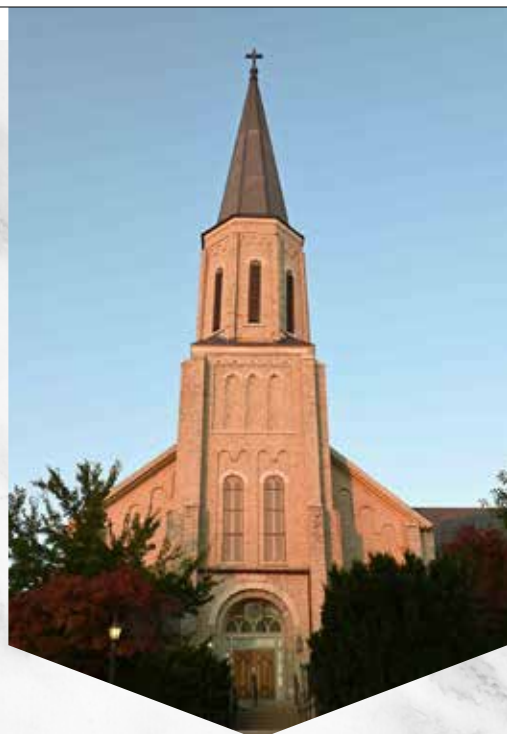
Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob,
Archbishop-Designate of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.



May God bless your ministry to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES
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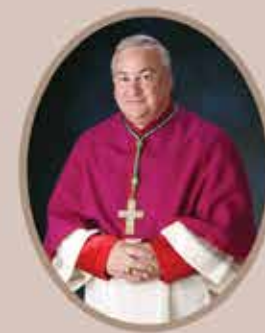
on his appointment as Archbishop of Milwaukee



Welcome
to the Archdiocese
ARCHBISHOP
Jeffrey S. Grob
with heartfelt prayers
St Anthony and St Mary parishes
in Menomonee Falls



We look forward to meeting you!



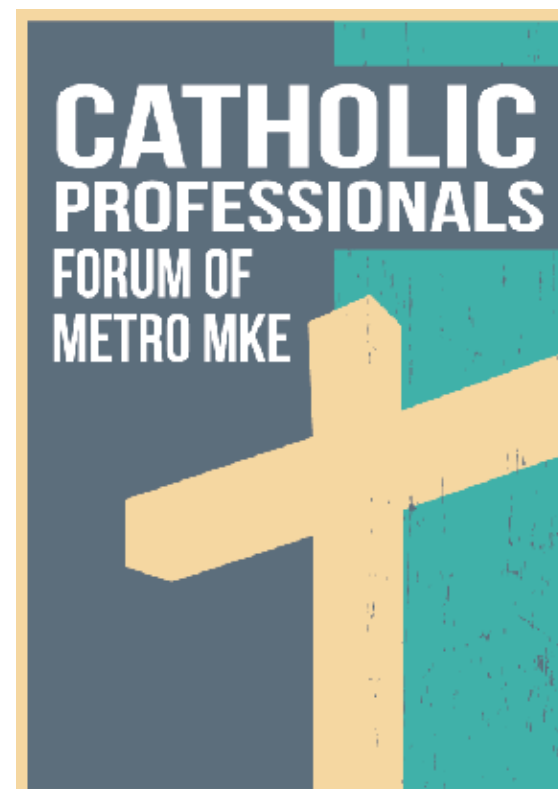
Bishop Michael McGovern
and the
Diocese of Belleville
Congratulate
Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
on his Installation as
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Archbishop Grob:
We join the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
in Celebrating Your Installation
as Our New Shepherd in Faith!

Welcome, and Be Assured of Our Constant Prayers!

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Welcome, Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob

May God bless you, our new shepherd

We are thankful for our collaboration
in the intellectual formation of seminarians
from Saint Francis de Sales Seminary.





— ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN —

RESPECT LIFE *Mass*

Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob
January 22, 2025, 6 p.m.

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All are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob, come together and pray before the anniversary of the tragic decision of Roe vs. Wade. Continued prayers and advocacy are still needed to uphold the dignity of every human life – from conception to natural death.

Many thanks to Archbishop ListECKi for his valued support of pro-life efforts and a warm welcome to Archbishop Grob as we look forward to spreading the Culture of Life.

Deacon Jim Matthias, *Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministry* | matthiasj@archmil.org | 414-769-3454

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE



The Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago welcomes The Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob back to Wisconsin. Best wishes from JRH staff and our many retreatants from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

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*Congratulations,
Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob*

as you begin your service
as Archbishop of Milwaukee

Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Michael Izen, Bishop Kevin Kenney
and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis



ARCHDIOCESE
OF
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**Congratulations and Welcome
Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob**


On behalf of The Catholic Community
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

A photograph of Archbishop Jeffrey Grob, wearing a green cassock and a red zucchetto, placing his hand on the head of an elderly man during his installation ceremony. Other people are visible in the background, including a woman in a red top and a man in a brown hat.

It is such a joy to offer to **Archbishop Jeffrey Grob**, on the occasion of his installation as the twelfth archbishop of Milwaukee, the heartfelt congratulations and prayers of the laypeople, deacons, priests and bishops of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

While we will miss you, Archbishop Grob, we share in the delight of the people of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who are about to learn firsthand what we in Chicago have known for many years: that you have always offered your many gifts to the people of God — a keen intellect, a warm spirit and a heart for Christ. May the Lord richly bless your episcopal ministry, Archbishop Grob, and all those entrusted to your care.

— Cardinal Blase J. Cupich



WELCOME ,

Archbishop Jeffrey Grob!

May God bless you as you begin your ministry as our 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee.

Fr. Jim Volkert, Fr. Ryan Ackmann & the Burlington-Lyons Catholic Community



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welcome

With open hearts and joyful spirits,
we welcome
Archbishop Grob.

Together, we look forward to his inspiring
leadership, his commitment to service, and his
guidance as we walk together on our
spiritual journey.

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Congratulations, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob!

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