

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF  
THE MOST REVEREND GREGORY STUDERUS,  
THE MOST REVEREND ELIAS LORENZO, OSB, AND  
THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL SAPORITO AS AUXILIARY  
BISHOPS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK,  
THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART, JUNE 30, 2020**

Your Eminence Cardinal Tobin, Metropolitan Archbishop of Newark, Dear Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark, My Brother Archbishops and Bishops, Dear Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Family of God which is the Church in Newark, Dear Friends: to all of you, I bring the warm greetings of the Holy Father on this happy occasion.

In October of 1995, Saint John Paul II graced the city of Newark and this Archdiocese with his presence during one of his many Apostolic Journeys to the United States of America. He presided over the celebration of Evening Prayer here in this beautiful Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and then, the next day, celebrated Mass in what was then Giants Stadium. During the course of his homily on that latter occasion, the Holy Father made the following reflection: **“Quite close to the shores of New Jersey there rises a universally-known landmark which stands as an enduring witness to the American tradition of welcoming the stranger, and which tells us something important about the kind of nation America has aspired to be. It is the Statue of Liberty, with its celebrated poem: ‘Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me.’”**  
(Thursday, October 5, 1995, Giants’ Stadium, no. 6)

Your Excellencies, I am truly pleased to be with you and the people of Newark as you are ordained to the fullness of the priesthood and begin your episcopal ministry here as Auxiliary Bishops, working in close collaboration with the Chief Shepherd of this Local Church, Cardinal Tobin. You will assist him in preaching the Gospel; teaching the Apostolic Faith; in sanctifying and shepherding the People of God; and in welcoming the stranger as you would welcome Christ, or as St. Benedict wrote: *Hospes venit, Christus venit.*

The Holy Father has appointed you and asks that you take risks as shepherds in imitating the Heart of the Redeemer. He said: **“Such is a heart that seeks out. A heart that does not set aside times and spaces as private. Woe to those shepherds who privatize their ministry! It is not jealous of its legitimate quiet**

**time, even that, and never demands that it be left alone. A shepherd after the heart of God does not protect his own comfort zone. He is not worried about protecting his good name, but will be slandered as Jesus was. Unafraid of criticism, he is disposed to take risks in seeking to imitate his Lord.”** (Homily, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Jubilee for Priests, 3 June 2016)

In concluding the month of June, a month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you will assist your Ordinary in making known the plenteous redemption that flows from the Heart of the Redeemer, thereby revealing the Merciful face of God.

And now, with great joy, I will read the Apostolic Letter of Appointment.