On the evening of June 28th, a Vespers prayer service, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Victoria, was held. All in the diocese were invited to pray with our new bishop. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer of the Diocese of Victoria were present. The organist, Fr. Kristopher Fuchs, played beautiful music.

During the homily, Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer stated, “This is the first liturgical celebration for the newly elected Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, as bishop, in the diocese of Victoria.”

At the service, Bishop Cahill’s miter, crosier, and pectoral cross were blessed.

On June 29, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria, the Diocese of Victoria welcomed the episcopal ordination and installation of the Most Rev. Brendan John Cahill.

As announced, our Holy Father Pope Francis appointed him to be the third Bishop of Victoria. He was presented to Daniel Cardinal DiNardo requesting he be ordained to the responsibility of bishop. Msgr. Fermin Emilio Sosa Rodriguez, Charge d’affaires of the Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See in the U.S. read the Apostolic Mandate.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo imparted the homily and shared significant words of how Catholicism is the one, true faith.

The Laying on of Hands was performed by the numerous bishops in attendance. After the Liturgy of the Eucharist and Holy Communion, Bishop Cahill humbly expressed his promise to carry out his office accord with the mind of Christ and of the Catholic Church.

He is looking forward to helping and praying for all in the diocese.

Let us extend a heartfelt congratulations and warm welcome as he becomes our bishop.

Bishop Cahill’s motto:

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus

“Create in me a clean heart Oh God.”
DIOCESE

The Diocese of Victoria

Founded of the Diocese

The Diocese of Victoria was established on May 29, 1982, with the Most Rev. Charles V. Grahmann being installed as the first bishop. The first diocesan offices were known as The Catholic Center and were located on N. DeLeon Street. In 1984, the bishop’s office was moved to a location on Commerce Street, joining the offices of the Chanceller, Tribunal, Business, Catechetical Ministry, and Youth Ministry. All personnel moved into the current chancery building, located at 1505 E. Mesquite Ln., which was dedicated on September 8, 1985. All diocesan offices: the Bishop, Chanceller, Tribunal, Vocations, Business, The Catholic Lighthouse Newspaper, Catholic Cemeteries, Catechetical Ministry, and Youth and Family Ministry are housed in the chancery. A chapel and library are also part of the building.

Bishop Charles V. Grahmann was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas on December 18, 1989 and was installed as Coadjutor Bishop of Dallas on February 21, 1990. From February 21, 1990, Msgr. Thomas C. McLaughlin served as Administrator of the Diocese of Victoria.

Bishop David E. Fellhauer was appointed Bishop of Victoria on April 7, 1990. He was ordained and installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria on May 28, 1990. Bishop Fellhauer came to Victoria from the Diocese of Dallas where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1965 and had served as Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Dallas.

Bishop Cahill’s Coat of Arms

Blazon: Arms impaled.

Dexter: Azure upon a cross quadrate Argent, a lighthouse Vert, turreted Gules, the light chamber and rays extending through both cross members Or, to chief dexter decrescent of the fifth and to chief sinister a rose Gules, barbed of the third and seeded of the fifth.

Sinister: Party per fess, to chief party per fess, to chief Azure a whale Argent, to base, party per fess, party per bend sinister, Vert and of the second alternating; in base Gules a Lion rampant between to broadswords, pointed slightly outward to chief, all of the second.

Significance: The episcopal heraldic achievement, or bishop’s coat of arms, is composed of a shield, that is the central and most important part of the design and tells to whom the design belongs, the external ornamentation, that tells the owner’s position or rank, and a motto, placed upon a scroll. By heraldic tradition the design is described (blazoned) as if being done by the bearer with the shield being worn on the arm. Thus, where it applies the terms “sinister” and “dexter” are reversed as the design is viewed from the front. For the bishop of a diocese, known as an Ordinary, his personal arms are joined (impaled) with the arms of his jurisdiction; in this case the Diocese of Victoria. The Coat of Arms of the Diocese of Victoria displays a blue field with a silver (white) cross upon which is blazoned a green lighthouse with a red turret and gold beacon. The field is the color of sky and water, to speak of peace and unity, qualities already attributed to the people, and herein established for the diocese. The cross points to the rich tradition of faith brought to the region by European settlers who landed at Indianola, a site of significant entry of immigrants that first entered in this region of southern Texas and where the historic lighthouse still stands. The early German, Czechs, Polish, Irish, and others joined the Mexican people in making faith and love of family life, attributes that abound even today. Green, the color of hope, designates the lighthouse as a symbol of hope, while the golden beacon of light stands for Jesus, the Light of the World, calling the people to Himself and illuminating their paths through the darkness. Historically, the families of this diocese have produced numerous vocations to the religious life and priestly life. The beacon represents this “call to service” in the Church, through religious life and family life as well. Just as the city of Victoria, the center of the diocese and episcopal seat, has been called “The Crossroads,” so too the cross can be read as convergence of paths, paths on which the pilgrim People of God travel to meet Christ, their Center. In the section to the upper left of the cross quadrate is a gold (yellow) decrescent (a specific heraldic term meaning the crescent moon’s horns point to...
is right as seen from the front). The gold crescent designates the geographic area of the Gulf Coast, sometimes called the Golden Crescent or the Crescent Valley, to honor the specific section of southern Texas where Victoria is located. To the upper right (chief sinister) is a red rose, with green barbs and golden (yellow) seeds, to honor our Most Blessed Mother, the Holy Virgin Mary, in her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe; Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas, as well as naming her special patroness of the diocese. In displaying the two charges together, the shield recalls the traditional image of Our Lady, in which she is seen standing on a crescent moon, hereby acknowledging her gentle dominion over the people of the crescent diocese. For his personal arms, seen in the dexter impalement (right side) of the design, Bishop Cahill has opted to recognize the heritage of his family, now joined to the Diocese of Victoria. The upper half of the design is divided into 2 halves to represent the 2 branches of the Cahill family. The upper quarter is blue and displays a silver (white) whale and the lower quarter is composed of 6 triangles in the 2 alternating colors of green and silver (white). The lower half of the Bishop’s design is red and displays a lion rampant, reared up on his hind legs, between 2 swords, all in silver (white). This represents the Bishop’s mother’s side of the family, the Dempseys. For his motto, His Excellency, Bishop Cahill has adopted the Latin phrase, COR MUNDUM CREA IN ME, DEUS. This phrase, from the 51st Psalm, expresses Bishop Cahill’s deep confidence in the mercy of God. St. Augustine wrote that this penitential Psalm reminds us that no sin is too great for God to forgive and God’s desire is to continually create anew. The phrase prayed every Friday morning in the Liturgy of the Hours, translates in English as “Create in me a clean heart Oh God.” The achievement is completed with the external ornaments that are a gold (yellow) processional cross, that extends above and below the shield, and a pontifical hat, called a galero, with its 6 tassels, in 3 rows, on either side of the shield, all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate of the rank of bishop by instruction of the Holy See, of March 1969.

~Deacon Paul J. Sullivan, author and designer, Diocese of Providence, RI
OUR PRAYERS and CONGRATULATIONS to

Bishop

Brendan J. Cahill

It has been a special privilege to work with you in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.
You have demonstrated great reverence and joy for all people and the diverse gifts that flourish in our Church.
Our prayers are with you as you begin your service to the Diocese of Victoria.
May your days there be many, fruitful and joyful!

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Auxiliary Bishop George A. Sheltz
Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza
Retired Auxiliary Bishop Vincent M. Rizzotto
The Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
The Archdiocese of San Antonio and Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS

Congratulate Bishop Brendan Cahill on your episcopal appointment to the Diocese of Victoria by the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Wishing you God’s blessing and best wishes as you begin your new ministry as an ordained Bishop.
Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Auxiliary Bishop Daniel E. Garcia, and all the faithful of the Diocese of Austin, congratulate Bishop Brendan Cahill on his ordination and installation as Bishop of Victoria.
Early and formative years,
Brendan J. Cahill

Photos courtesy of Bishop Cahill's Family

Brendan with Pope Benedict
Brendan with his sister, May, and Saint John Paul II
Brendan with his mother, Joan
Brendan with his father, Joe
Brendan with his sister, May

At Msgr. Patrick Fay 60th Anniversary Ordination in The Archdiocese of New York: Left to right: Brendan, Mary Fay, Great Aunt; Joe Cahill, Father; Msgr. Patrick Fay (seated); Betty Cahill, Aunt; Regina Dapas, Cousin; Robert Cahill, Brother; and Joan Cahill, Mother
CONGRATULATIONS
BISHOP CAHILL

Bishop Michael J. Sis and the Diocese of San Angelo congratulate the Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill on his appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria.

Welcome
Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

We wish you the best!
Words of Congratulations

On behalf of the people of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Western Conference, I congratulate with great joy Bishop Brendan Cahill as the new Bishop of Victoria, Texas by Pope Francis. His appointment reflects the confidence the Holy Father has in the new bishop’s many gifts and significant experience as a priest, educator, and in priestly formation. I know that he will bring energy, faith, and wisdom to his new ministry and be a true blessing to the people of the Victoria diocese.

With deep affection and respect, I wish the best to Bishop David E. Fellhauer as he begins his transition into what I hope will be a blessed retirement. He has been a faithful shepherd and servant to the people of Victoria and a great source of wisdom and leadership to the Church of Texas.

The Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Diocese of Victoria have had a special relationship since its creation in 1982. Along with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, the dioceses of Corpus Christi and Austin, the Archdiocese of San Antonio contributed many of our parishes to help form the Victoria diocese. We pray that the Lord will continue to shower his many blessings upon our brothers and sisters of Victoria.

~Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio

We in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston rejoice that Pope Francis has chosen to honor this local Church by selecting one of her priests to serve as the third bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas. Bishop Brendan Cahill has been a faithful priest of this Archdiocese for close to 25 years and brings a wealth of gifts and experiences with him in this new ministry. His appointment is a sign of the Holy Father’s care for the needs of the people of Southeast Texas, whose deep Catholic roots continue to be a vital presence in the region.

While we celebrate the news of this episcopal appointment with joy, we nevertheless recognize the great loss that comes with his departure. He has served the faithful of this diocese as a parish priest, seminary formator and Rector, and most recently as Vicar for Clergy and Chaplaincy Services. His warm and pastoral heart has been a wonderful asset to the people of Galveston-Houston and we are confident that he will serve the Diocese of Victoria well.

I want to assure Bishop Cahill of my own prayers and fraternal support during this time of transition. Our respect and love will certainly go with him to Victoria. I ask all the faithful of this Archdiocese to pray that through the intercession of the Mother of God, Our Lady of Victory, he may be a wise and faithful shepherd of God’s holy people in Southeast Texas.

~Daniel Cardinal DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
When I received the announcement regarding Bishop-Elect Cahill’s appointment as the third bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, I had mixed emotions. Initially, I was sad to hear that I would be losing a good diocesan brother who has been very supportive of me and St. Mary’s Seminary. Now, I am happy for Bishop Cahill because I know he will make a fine bishop and a good shepherd for the people of the Diocese of Victoria. Most of all, I will miss Fr. Brendan’s joyful, positive, and “can do” spirit that he exhibited in so many ways to so many. On behalf of the Seminary community, he and the Diocese of Victoria will be in our prayers.

~Fr. Trung V. Nguyen, Rector
St. Mary’s Seminary

I feel very happy for Bishop Cahill’s well-deserved appointment as the new shepherd of the flock of Victoria, even though we will miss having him among us, sharing his many gifts. I will miss his wise and gentle leadership style as overseer and supporter of the Mission Office; his deep spirituality reflected in his beautiful and enriching homilies when celebrating Mass at the Chancery. I wish him God’s choicest blessings as he embarks on his new ministry as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria.

~Hilda Ochoa, Mission Office Director,
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

I am overcome with joy for my brother, Bishop Cahill. He will be an awesome bishop—caring for the people entrusted to his care in so many ways. He is a person of great compassion and a very good listener. In each of his assignments he has given his all uniting people to the heart of our Savior. I believe he is the first Rector of St. Mary’s Seminary to be made a bishop. That should be an indication of how our own priests will continue to spread the enthusiasm and joy of Bishop Cahill. While he may be in another diocese, his teachings and examples will continue to live on in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

~Very Rev. Norbert Maduzia, Jr., E.V., D. Min.
Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in Spring, TX
Episcopal Vicar-Northern Vicariate,
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Fr. Cahill is a wonderful joy filled priest who enjoys people wherever he goes. He never leaves a room without making it brighter. He served Serra Club of Houston for even with his busy schedule providing spiritual leadership to prayers are with Bishop Serra, pray for him.

~Larry Massey, Governor District 10, Serra Clubs of Houston

BISHOP BRENDAN J. CAHILL!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING WITH YOU OUR CHURCH, OUR SCHOOLS, AND OUR CULTURES!

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Shiner, Texas

Shiner Catholic School
St. Ludmila Elementary/St. Paul High School
Words of Congratulations
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The Diocese of Victoria will be blessed to have such a kind, loving, and caring leader. Bishop Brendan is Chaplain for the Order of Malta and has helped all grow spiritually. He is a true humility whose first priority is on earth. While we will miss the Diocese of Victoria will leadership of such a loving and caring Bishop. To sum it up, Victoria has just been blessed to receive one of our Church’s great leaders.

~Kate Signorelli, DMOB Houston Rgn. Hospitaller, Order of Malta

BISHOP CAHILL, DRESSED IN UNIFORM, AT THE ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Day of the Ordination and Installation

PART OF THE PROCESSION INTO OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA

FR. GARY JANAK, BISHOP CAHILL, AND FR. DAN MORALES

Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus Catholic Church, Victoria

welcomes

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love. You have chosen your servant, Bishop Brendan Cahill, to be a shepherd of your flock. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world. Amen.
Bishop Brendan J. Cahill,
CONGRATULATIONS
on your
Ordination
and
Installation
as the Third Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas!

WELCOME
to the diocese!

Our prayers
are with you!

Msgr. John C. Peters
Fr. Barnabas Kyeah

Ascension of our Lord, Moravia
St. John the Baptist, St. John

Vitáme Vás!
Willkommen!
¡Bienvenido!

Sacred Heart, Hallettsville
Immaculate Conception (St. Mary), Hallettsville
Welcome to our new Bishop,
MOST REV. BRENDAN J. CAHILL, S.T.D.

Congratulations on being ordained and installed the Third Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (ST. MARY’S) PARISH
NADA, TEXAS

WELCOME, CONGRATULATIONS, AND BLESSINGS TO
BISHOP BRENDAN J. CAHILL!

THE SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD
AND
BLESSSED SACRAMENT OF VICTORIA

We want to thank you again for your inspiration to the Legion of Mary throughout these years. We have been blessed beyond words to have had you in our lives. Thank you so much for endowing us with your enthusiasm and inspiration. We will miss your wonderful allocutios; your spiritual help during many difficult times. We are so grateful for your presence with us on our journey of life and faith- you taught what shepherding is by walking beside us. You will always be beside us in the question, "What would Fr. Cahill say?" Your presence was always a blessing. You’re one in a million. “We are so grateful for your gentle guidance and wisdom. You are an inspiration towards holiness. We will pray for you always. God bless.

~Sharon Reese, Senatus President, Legion of Mary
I think I speak for all the members of the Holy Sepulchre that we are overjoyed at the selection of Bishop Cahill as the next Bishop of Victoria. We in Houston will miss his happy disposition and ever present smile. We wish him every success in Victoria.

~Tom Standish, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre

The whole goal which priests seek in their ministry and lives is procuring the glory of God the Father in Christ. The glory is this - men and women receive the word of God being perfected in Christ with knowledge, with freedom, and with gratitude, and they reflect this in their entire lives.

~The Second Vatican Council, a teaching in Presbyterorum Ordinis #2

Congratulations and Welcome, Bishop Brendan J. Cahill!

from the parishioners of St. Michael, Weimar; Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Dubina; and Msgr. John C. Bily, pastor
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Before the final blessing of the Ordination Liturgy, I had the opportunity to say a few words of gratitude. I would like to repeat a few of the words, with a special thanks for the committee who helped organize the hospitality and beautiful Liturgy, and for all those who contributed to this special edition of The Catholic Lighthouse. The Ordination and Installation committee members were Msgr. John Peters, Fr. Gary Janak, Fr. Dan Morales, Fr. Tommy Chen, Gloria Aparicio, Pam Bena, Mike Brown, Cynthia Goering, Allison Hybner, and Debbie Vanelli. Also, several receptions were held throughout the diocese and I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those who have made me feel welcome.

Men and women of different races, languages, customs, personalities, and opinions- joined into one Body in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Many have helped us experience our communion in God in such beautiful ways. I pledge my love for you and ask for your prayers that I may be a merciful Shepherd bringing each of us close to the heart of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. As I begin my service in the Diocese of Victoria, I pray to be a humble servant of the people of God together with the priests and deacons ordained to offer our lives daily for the people of this diocese. God bless you all, let us keep one another in prayer.

~Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria

**PRAYER FROM ST. AUGUSTINE**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

**Congratulations and Welcome to Victoria, Bishop Cahill!**

The Diocese of Victoria offers several ministry programs:
- Catechetical Ministry
- Family Ministries
- Library and Media Center
- Pastoral Institute
- Prison Ministry
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Diocese of Victoria also provides many services:
- Business Office
- Catholic Cemeteries Office
- Catholic Schools Office
- Office of Vocations
- Safe Environment Office
- Spiritual Renewal Center
- The Catholic Lighthouse... and more!

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We welcome you, Bishop Cahill, to the Diocese of Victoria. Our prayers are with you, as you begin your ministry as our shepherd. May the Spirit of Jesus, our Savior, be your source of strength.

~Fr. Gary Janak, Diocesan Chancellor

Bishop Cahill, Congratulations. May God guide you and bless you on your new adventure.

~Margaret Pruett, Office of Catechetical Ministry

Congratulations Bishop Brendan! The journey of faith is the most incredible of journeys. You have answered God’s call, and now He has chosen you to be the spiritual leader and shepherd of the people in the Diocese of Victoria. Keep your eyes on Jesus and enjoy the ride.

~Chris Alvarez, Office of Catechetical Ministry/Pastoral Institute/Library and Media Center

Welcome to the Diocese of Victoria and congratulations on being our new shepherd! May the Holy Spirit guide you in all that you do to lead the Church with courage, love, and confidence! Peace be with you!

~Zoila Martinez, Business Office

Welcome home, Bishop Cahill. You are a perfect addition to our chancery family. I look forward to working with you and sharing a cup of coffee.

~Jeri Joseph, Business Office

From all of us here the Spiritual Renewal Center, welcome Bishop Cahill. We are looking forward to working with you and praying for you and with you. God bless you.

~Deacon Joe Duplan, Spiritual Renewal Center

Welcome to the Diocese of Victoria. Thank you for saying “Yes” to the Holy Spirit years ago when you were called. Your path has led you to this moment to be our Spiritual Leader and we are glad you are here.

~Gary Rangnow, Catholic Cemeteries


~Allison Hybner, The Catholic Lighthouse

Official photos of Bishop Brendan J. Cahill available!
To order an official diocesan photo of Bishop Brendan J. Cahill (as seen on the front page), please contact Kevin Jordan Photography at:
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