



DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

Department of Communication

News

For Immediate Release

DATE: July 10, 2025

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RE: **Bishop-elect Thomas J. Hennen for the Diocese of Baker**

From Bishop Dennis G. Walsh, Bishop of Davenport

It is with immense joy that we received this morning the news of Pope Leo's appointment of the **Bishop-elect Thomas J. Hennen** as the new Bishop of Baker, Oregon. We extend our heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved appointment.

While we rejoice for the people of the Diocese of Baker, who will undoubtedly benefit from Bishop-elect Thomas Hennen's pastoral care and leadership, this news also comes with a touch of sadness for our own Diocese of Davenport. He has been a most generous and dedicated shepherd in his pastoral ministry with the faithful at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and his invaluable service as Vicar General of our diocese has been a true blessing.

His wisdom, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the Church have left an indelible mark on all of us. We are deeply grateful for the complete dedication of his life at the service of this local church.



As he prepares to embark on this new chapter of his priestly ministry, he carries with him the prayers and profound gratitude of the entire Diocese of Davenport. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen him in his new episcopal ministry, and that it may be filled with abundant grace and fruitfulness.

Livestreaming of the press conference will occur on Thursday July 10, 2025 at 11 am PDT/1 pm CDT
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5413884000?omn=85311809339>

The website address for the Diocese of Baker: <https://dioceseofbaker.org/>
Please also see the story by *The Catholic Messenger*: <https://catholicmessenger.net/>

Past Assignments for Bishop-elect Hennen

05/01/2000	B.A., St. Ambrose University, Davenport
6/1/2003	Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (STB), Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
07/10/2004	Ordained to the presbyterate, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport
6/1/2005	Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL), Alphonsianum, Rome
2005-2010	Parochial Vicar, Jesus Christ Prince of Peace, Clinton
2010-2011	Campus Minister, Newman Catholic Student Center, Iowa City
2010-2011	Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Visitation, Iowa City
2011-2018	Director of Vocations
2014-2017	Chaplain, Assumption High School, Davenport
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2017-2021	Chaplain & Director of Campus Ministry, St. Ambrose University, Davenport
2018-2021	Associate Director of Vocations
2020-2025	Consultor, College of Consultors
2020-2025	Vicar General
2021-2025	Priest Moderator, St. Mary, Wilton; St. Andrew, Blue Grass
2021-2025	Pastor, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport

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