



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On June 1, 2023, I officially appointed Reverend Douglas Halsema as Vicar General for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. At the time of his appointment I was not aware of a papal instruction that grants the Vicar General of a Diocese the title of "Monsignor" as long as he holds this important office. Fr. Halsema has certainly demonstrated his effectiveness as my Vicar General and I am pleased to belatedly grant him the title of "Monsignor" as of this date – October 29, 2024.

Please join me in congratulating Msgr. Halsema as he receives this title and pontifical honor. This title also recognizes as part of the history of this Diocese that those who have served as Vicar General have been "Monsignors" and recipients of the pontifical honor "Chaplain to His Holiness!"

As of this date, Msgr. Halsema is to be referred to by his new title. If he so chooses, he may wear a black cassock with purple piping and a purple sash. For more formal occasions, he may choose to wear a magenta cassock and purple sash. The color purple/magenta in medieval heraldry symbolizes justice, regal majesty and sovereignty.

Again, congratulations to Monsignor Douglas Halsema!

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Chancellor/Notary/Date