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On behalf of the clergy and faithful in the Diocese of Columbus, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Archbishop-designate Robert G. Casey, who has been appointed by the Holy Father as the Archbishop of Cincinnati.

Archbishop-designate Casey has served the faithful in the Archdiocese of Chicago for more than 30 years and has shown a particular interest in the Hispanic community. Knowing him to have a shepherd's heart and a pastor's sensitivity, I am confident that he will be a true blessing to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which is so dear to my heart .

Archbishop Casey inherits the patrimony of this historic Archdiocese, and I am confident that under his leadership, the seeds of faith planted by his predecessors and the People of God there, will blossom and the Church will flourish.

I also want to thank Archbishop Schnurr for his years of dedication, service, leadership, prayer, and discipleship for the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and throughout the state of Ohio. His leadership at the USCCB, his organization of World Youth Day, his financial acumen, and his commitment to fostering a culture of vocations are but a fraction of his contributions to the life of the Church. I wish him well as he enters retirement, grateful for his friendship and witness.

The families, parishes, schools, social service agencies, and other ministries within the Archdiocese will be well tended by Archbishop Casey. I look forward to collaborating with Archbishop-designate Casey as he strengthens the bonds of communion among the Dioceses in Ohio and leads the Catholic Conference of Ohio.

I offer Archbishop Schnurr, Archbishop Casey and the People of God in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati my heartfelt prayers and congratulations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus