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Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley Fourth Bishop, Diocese of Kalamazoo

Biographical Summary

Motto: "Waiting in Joyful Hope"
St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:13

On June 5, 2009 Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley was installed as the fourth Bishop for the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Prior to his appointment he was appointed titular bishop of Afufenia and auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh on December 16, 2004 and was ordained on February 2, 2005. Ordained a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on May 1, 1971 by Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, Bishop Bradley held various pastoral ministry assignments both in the parishes as well as at the diocesan level. When then Bishop Donald Wuerl was installed as the archbishop of Washington, D.C. in June 2006, Bishop Bradley was elected administrator of the Diocese of Pittsburgh by the diocesan College of Consultors. He oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Diocese until Bishop Zubik's installation on September 28, 2007.

During his first year as bishop for the more than 100,000 Catholics in the nine-county region of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Bishop Bradley visited all 59 parishes and 22 Catholic schools in the diocese. He released his first pastoral letter, *What I Have Heard and Seen* in the fall of 2010. He has since written an additional three pastoral letters to the faithful including: He released "We Dare to Say: An invitation to boldly open the door to a vibrant life of faith" in 2010; "The Church: A Center of Hope; Living our Faith with Joy," in 2014 and the recently released: "Moving Forward in Hope: Charting the Course for the Future", September 2016.

During his seven years leading the Diocese Bishop Bradley has lead a number of initiatives including a revamp of the annual diocesan appeal and the 2016 Diocesan Pastoral Plan which created 28 Parish Collaboratives from the existing 59 parishes and missions. He has ordained 16 men to the priesthood and 23 as permanent deacons.

Bishop Bradley attended high school, college and graduate theology studies at St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Ind. He also earned the Master's in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh.