



Benedict, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God.

To our venerable Brother, George Stack, hitherto titular Bishop of Gemellae in Numidia and Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, translated to the Archdiocese of Cardiff, greeting and Apostolic Blessing.

Since a care must be had for the metropolitan Church of Cardiff, which has been vacant since the appointment of the most Excellent Lord Peter Smith as Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark, on the advice of Congregation for Bishops, you, Venerable Brother, seemed suitable to be placed in authority over it, endowed as you are with proven qualities, and greatly experienced in pastoral affairs. And so, set as we are on the Chair of St Peter and keen for the good of the whole flock of the Lord, we release you from the bond of the titular See of Gemellae in Numidia and the associated office of Auxiliary Bishop, and we name you Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff, with all rights and obligations.

We enjoin you to ensure that these Letters be read to your clergy and people; we encourage them to receive you willingly, and to remain united with you. And for you, Venerable Brother, we ask the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, supported by which, may you so feed the faithful who are entrusted to you that they may be zealous at the tables of the Eucharistic Bread and the Word of God, in which there is such “force and power that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her children, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life.” (Dei Verbum 21).

May “God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation” (2 Cor 13), bless, sustain and bring joy to you, with the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to the most dear Catholic community of this archdiocese.

Given in Rome, at St Peter’s, on the nineteenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven, the Seventh of our Pontificate.

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