



The Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed five new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago: Bishops-elect Timothy J. O'Malley, Lawrence J. Sullivan, José María García-Maldonado, Robert M. Fedek, and John S. Siemianowski. The episcopal ordination of the bishops-elect will take place at Holy Name Cathedral in early 2025 at a date to be announced. The bishops-elect will remain in their present assignments for the time being. Changes in their archdiocesan roles are announced in due course.

"We are grateful to the Holy Father for the gift of these new auxiliary bishops," said Cardinal Cupich. "These fine archdiocesan priests reflect the people of this particular church and the many talents of our local presbyterate. Yet, each has a solid and notable record of pastoral service rooted in their shared fidelity to the Gospel and their generosity in using their unique gifts for the good of the church and society."

Bishop-elect Timothy J. O'Malley was born Dec. 17, 1959 in Evergreen Park to Michael J. and Eileen Shea O'Malley. He holds a B.S. in Management from Purdue University, a CPA from the University of Illinois and a J.D. degree from the DePaul University College of Law. He received his STB and a master of divinity degree from the University of St. Mary the Lake Mundelein Seminary in 1997 and was ordained to the priesthood later that year.

Bishop-elect Lawrence J. Sullivan, named titular bishop of Lamfua, was born Jan. 22, 1966 in Chicago to Terrence and Renee Sullivan. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from Niles College Seminary of Loyola University Chicago, in 1988 and a master of divinity degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1992. In 2019, Bishop-elect Sullivan earned a M.S. in Ecclesial Management from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Bishop-elect José María García-Maldonado, appointed titular bishop of Fallaba, was born March 24, 1979, in San Julián, Jalisco, Mexico, to José María García de Anda and Angelica Maldonado Villalpando. He attended local public elementary and middle schools before entering the Minor Seminary of the Diocese of San Juan de los Lagos Introductory Program in Arandas, Jalisco. He then completed philosophy requirements at the local major seminary. In August 2001, he joined his family who had immigrated to the United States eight years earlier and in August 2002, he entered the Casa Jesus Program of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In 2003, he entered the University of Saint Mary of the Lake University Mundelein Seminary, completing a master of divinity degree in 2007. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2008 and was named associate pastor of St. Sylvester Parish in Chicago.

Bishop-elect John S. Siemianowski, named titular bishop of Grazianopoli, was born in Chicago on May 26, 1960 to Lydia and Joseph Siemianowski. He attended Our Lady of Charity Grade School and Morton East High School, both in Cicero. In 1982, he earned a B.S. and a Secondary Education Certificate from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. In 1984, he entered the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary completing a master of divinity degree and an STB in 1989. He was ordained to the priesthood later that year.

Bishop-elect Robert M. Fedek, appointed titular bishop of Dardano, was born July 7, 1979 in Bielsko-Biala, Poland, to Józefa Maria (Robak) and Roman Kazimierz Fedek. He attended local public grammar and high schools and in 1998, he entered the Archdiocesan Theological Seminary in Kraków, Poland. In 2001, he was admitted to the Bishop Abramowicz Preparatory Seminary in Chicago and then attended the University of Saint Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary, where he received a master of divinity degree in 2005. He was ordained to the priesthood that same year.

