Pontifical Insignia and Sacred Vessels

**Pectoral Cross**

The pectoral cross worn today by Bishop Gainer beneath the chasuble has been handed on from bishop to bishop since our first bishop, the Most Reverend Jeremiah F. Shanahan. The reverse of this pectoral cross is engraved with the initials and dates of our first nine bishops. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades received this cross from Cardinal William H. Keeler. It was returned to the Diocese by Bishop Rhoades in 2011, but never was worn by Bishop Joseph McFadden during his brief time as bishop.

**Crozier**

The crozier or pastoral staff carried by Bishop Gainer today originally belonged to the Most Reverend John W. Shanahan, our third bishop. He was superintendent of Catholic Schools in Philadelphia at the time of his appointment. It is said that every parochial school child in Philadelphia gave one penny for the purchase of this crozier. He was the brother of the first bishop of Harrisburg, and it is the only instance in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States where two brothers were ordinaries of the same See. It has been used for the last three installations of our Diocesan Ordinary.

**Chalice and Ciborium**

The Sacred Chalice and Ciborium used for this Mass was fashioned in Ireland in 1953 at the direction of the Most Reverend George L. Leech with the donations of jewels and gold collected from the Catholic Faithful from across the Diocese of Harrisburg. Bishop Leech commissioned the chalice in memory of all who lost their lives in World War II. The 18 carat chalice is a reproduction of the ancient Celtic Chalice of Ardagh, discovered in Ireland in 1868, the same year of the establishment of the Diocese of Harrisburg. The chalice is enriched with thirty-three precious and semi-precious stones an diamonds. The central figure on the paten is the Greek Alpha and Omega, with Celtic scrollwork signifying eternity.

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**Solemn Mass Opening the Sesquicentennial Year**

March 3, 2018
10:00 AM

Holy Name of Jesus Church
6150 Allentown Boulevard
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Bernard B. Wert (1899-1966)

Bernard Wert served as organist-choirmaster at Saint Patrick Cathedral for 45 years, from 1921 to 1966. His involvement with music extended far beyond the Cathedral. He was the director of music and instructor of Gregorian Chant at College Misericordia, Dallas, PA, and teacher of singing at Sylvan Heights Home, Harrisburg, as well as instructor for a number of choirs throughout the diocese and a private teacher of piano, organ, and voice.

Wert taught theory and composition and was himself the composer of a number of Masses, motets, and other pieces of sacred music. His church music, published by the Gregorian Institute of America, was known and used nationwide.

In the 1960s, in the early days of congregational participation in the Mass, his “Missa Pro Fidelibus” was, by Bishop Leech’s directive, sung by all congregations in the diocese. The stacks of beige cards on which the Mass was printed were a common sight at the ends of pews and on tables at the rear of churches throughout the diocese.

Bishop McDevitt, in his letter offering the cathedral position to Wert in 1921, had written, “My only condition is that you should provide music that conforms to the laws of the Church.” Throughout his forty-five years of service, Professor Wert was known and respected for his strict adherence to this dictum.

Missa Cunctipotens

Copyrighted in 1935, Professor Wert published “Missa Cunctipotens” for three equal voices and organ. Inscribed on the cover of the work are these words:

“Dedicated to the Memory of The Most Reverend Philip Richard McDevitt A Patron of Liturgical Music late Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg.”

These lines bear a testimony to the role Bishop McDevitt played in developing the music program for the diocese and Cathedral, explaining his initial injunction to Wert, under whose auspices the Cathedral music program was brought into full conformity with the regulations on sacred music established by Pope Pius X. Such initiatives included the formation of the new Cathedral Choir in 1925, composed of twenty male voices.
The Papal Bull Establishing the Diocese of Harrisburg

POPE PIUS IX
FOR A LASTING REMEMBRANCE

The office of Supreme Apostolic Authority which the Lord placed upon Our unworthy shoulders requires that We be ready to undertake prudently whatever may benefit the Catholic Church and the eternal salvation of souls.

Accordingly, when We learn that the establishment of new dioceses will be to the spiritual benefit of the faithful, We proceed to found such additional Episcopal Sees as appears suitable and beneficial.

The Bishops of the Second Plenary Council of the United States of North America, convened in Baltimore in October, 1866, have informed Us that it will be highly beneficial to the Catholic Church to establish a new Episcopal See in the City of Harrisburg. Having consulted with Our Venerable Brothers, the Cardinals of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, who have studied the matter carefully, We have determined to establish this new See.

Wherefore, in keeping with the counsel of the aforementioned Cardinals, and exercising Our full Apostolic Authority, We hereby establish and constitute in the City of Harrisburg a new Episcopal See, under the care of its own Bishop, to be known henceforth as the “Diocese of Harrisburg.” We wish this diocese to include the civil counties of Clinton, Centre, Mifflin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, York, Dauphin, Northumberland, Columbia, Lebanon, Lancaster, Montour, Union, Snyder, Juniata, Perry, and Fulton.

Furthermore, We confer and bestow upon the Church of Harrisburg all the honors, rights, and privileges which other Episcopal Sees possess and enjoy. These things we decree and prescribe, all things whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding. ...

Given at Rome, at Saint Peter’s, under the ring of the Fisherman, on the third day of March, 1868, in the twenty-second year of Our Pontificate.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant

Priestly People

1. We sing to You, O Christ, Beloved Son of the Father.
   We give You Praise O Wisdom everlasting and Word of God.
2. We sing to You, O Son born of Mary, the Virgin.
   We give You Praise Our Brother born to heal us our Saving Lord.
3. We sing to You, O Light bringing us out of darkness.
   We give You Praise O guiding Light which shows us the way to heaven.
4. We sing to You, the Way to the Father in Heaven.
   We give You Praise, the Way of Truth and Way of all True Light.
5. We sing to you, the Shepherd who leads to the kingdom.
   We give you praise, Who gather all your sheep in the one true fold.
6. We sing to you, O found overflowing with mercy.
   We give you praise, Who give us living waters to quench our thirst.
7. We sing to you, True Vine, planted by God our Father.
   We give you praise, O blessed Vine, whose branches bear fruit in love.
8. We sing to you, O Manna, which God gives his people.
   We give you praise, O living Bread, which comes down to us from heaven.
9. We sing to you, the Image of the Father eternal.
   We give you praise, O King of Justice, Lord, and the King of peace.
The Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Bishop: Peace be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act and Preparation for the Apostolic Blessing

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Bishop: May Blessed Mary, ever virgin,
the holy apostles Peter and Paul,
and all the saints assist you with their merits and prayers.
May the almighty and merciful Lord forgive you
and free you from all your sins.
May he help you persevere in fruitful penance,
good example, and sincere charity,
and lead you to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Kyrie eleison

*Missa Cunctipotens*
Bernard Wert (1899-1966)
Dedicated to the Memory of Bishop Philip R. McDevitt
*sung by the Schola Cantorum*

currently the rectory for Saint Patrick’s Parish. In 1948 Saint Catherine Labouré Parish was established making it the first parish in the world dedicated to this Miraculous Medal. On July 1, 1995 after a three-year process of consultation, 38 parishes were merged into 13 new parishes. On June 24, 2003 Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista, was established. Originally opened in 1982, it became a quasi-parish in 1998 and achieved full parish status in 2003. It is the first Hispanic parish in the diocese. In 2012, Saint Peter Son Korean Parish was established making it the newest parish of the diocese and the first Asian parish in the diocese.

The Diocese has parishes named for three North American saints. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Mechanicsburg, was founded in 1977; Saint John Neumann Parish, Lancaster, was founded in 1978, one year after his canonization; and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg, was established in 1988; becoming the first parishes in the world named for these saints.

The Diocese also has two minor basilicas. In 1962 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (the Conewago Chapel) in McSherrystown was elevated to the rank of minor basilica by Pope John XXIII. In 1989, in celebration of its 50th anniversary, Pope John Paul II declared the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville to be a minor basilica, the only one in the world dedicated to the co-patrons of Europe.

The Diocese serves close to 245,000 Catholics in eighty-nine parishes and seven missions throughout fifteen counties of central Pennsylvania.

From 1868 to the present, eleven bishops have led the Diocese by addressing the spiritual needs of their own generation while looking to the future needs of the Church.

Bishop Jeremiah F. Shanahan 1868-1886
Bishop Thomas McGovern 1888-1898
Bishop John W. Shanahan 1899-1916
Bishop Philip R. McDevitt 1916-1935
Bishop George L. Leech 1936-1971
Bishop William H. Keeler 1984-1989
Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo 1990-2004
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades 2004-2010
Bishop Joseph P. McFadden 2010-2013
Bishop Ronald W. Gainer 2014-present
Historical Sketch of the Diocese of Harrisburg

On March 3, 1868, Pope Pius IX, accepting the recommendation of the Bishops of the Second Plenary Council of “the United States of North America” and having consulted the Cardinals of the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, decreed:

Wherefore, in keeping with the counsel of the afore-mentioned Cardinals, and exercising our Full Apostolic Authority, we hereby establish and constitute in the City of Harrisburg a new Episcopal See, under the care of its own Bishop, to be known henceforth as the “Diocese of Harrisburg.”

The territory of the new diocese had a rich history extending back more than two hundred years to the seventeenth century. Jesuit missionaries under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Quebec traveled south on the Susquehanna River, “the highway of the missionaries”, leaving evidence of their priestly activities. Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of London traveled north on the river from Maryland and preached the Gospel to Native Americans.

After the War of the Revolution, Father John Carroll was appointed superior of the American missions in 1784. In 1790 Baltimore was established as the first U.S. diocese and Father Carroll was consecrated the first bishop. His diocese included the original thirteen colonies until the dioceses of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia were established in 1808.

From 1808 until 1868 the territory of the Diocese of Harrisburg was part of the Diocese of Philadelphia. From 1852 to 1860 Saint John Neumann, the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, visited missions and parishes in the area.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Conewago was established in 1730 and would eventually become the oldest parish in the diocese. In 1787 the stone church for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish was erected at Conewago and was the first church in the United States to be named for the Sacred Heart. In 1975 it was named a National Historic Site. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church was founded in 1809, blessed in 1843 and became the first church in America dedicated to Mary under this title. In 1863 Saint Francis Xavier Church, Gettysburg served as a hospital during the Civil War battle. In 1872 Saint Stanislaus Parish in Shamokin was founded, the first Polish parish in Pennsylvania. In 1901 Saint Katharine’s Hall in Carlisle was opened by Mother Katharine Drexel for the instruction of African and Native American children. The site is

Gloria in excelsis

\[\text{Gloria in excelsis} \]
The Collect

O God, in the covenant of your Christ
you never cease to gather to yourself from all nations
a people growing together in unity through the Spirit;
grant, we pray, that your Church,
faithful to the mission entrusted to her,
may continually go forward with the human family
and always be the leaven and the soul of human society,
to renew it in Christ and transform it into the family of God.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated following the prayer.

Hymn After Mass

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Choir:
Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!
Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Congregation

1. To Je-sus Christ, our sov-reign King, Who
   is the world’s sal-va-tion, All praise and hon-o-age
   do we bring And thanks and ad-o-ra-tion.

2. Your reign ex-tend, O King be-gin, To
   ex-er-cise your power, All in your King-dom,
   Lord di-vine, A lone we find sal-va-tion.

3. To you, and to your church, great King, We
   out-stand in your King-dom, Pledge our hearts’ ob-lat-ion.

Christ Je-sus, Vic-to-r! Christ Je-sus, Rul-er!
Christ Je-sus, Vic-to-r! Christ Je-sus, Rul-er!
Christ Je-sus, Vic-to-r! Christ Je-sus, Rul-er!

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THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Apostolic Blessing with Plenary Indulgence

Deacon:
The Most Reverend Father, Ronald Gainer, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See, Bishop of this holy Church of Harrisburg, will the apostolic blessing with a plenary indulgence, in the name of the Roman Pontiff, to all present who are truly penitent and have confessed their sins and received Holy Communion.

Pray to God for our Most Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop, Ronald, and for holy Mother Church and strive, by holiness of life, to walk in full communion with it.

Bishop:
The Lord be with you.

All:
And with your spirit.

Deacon:
Bow down for the blessing

Bishop:
May your faithful people, rejoice, we pray, O Lord, to be upheld by your right hand, and, progressing in the Christian life, may they delight in good things both now and in the time to come. Through Christ our Lord.

All:
Amen.

Bishop:
Through the intercession of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul may almighty God bless you, + the Father, + and the Son, and + the Holy Spirit.

All:
Amen.

Dismissal

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Lectura del libro del profeta Ezequiel.

Esto dice el Señor Dios: “Yo mismo iré a buscar a mis ovejas y velaré por ellas. Así como un pastor vela por su rebaño cuando las ovejas se encuentran dispersas, así velaré yo por mis ovejas e iré por ellas a todos los lugares por donde se dispersaron un día de niebla y de oscuridad.

Las sacaré de en medio de los pueblos, las congregará de entre las naciones, las traeré a su tierra y las apacentará por los montes de Israel, por las cañadas y por los poblados del país. Las apacentará en pastizales escogidos, y en lo alto de los montes de Israel tendrán su aprisco; allí reposarán en buenos prados, y en pastos suculentos serán apacentadas sobre los montes de Israel.

Yo mismo apacentaré a mis ovejas; yo mismo las haré reposar, dice el Señor Dios.

Buscárela oveja perdida haré volver a la descarriada; curaré a la herida, robusteceré a la débil, y a la que está gorda y fuerte, la cuidaré. Yo las apacentaré en la justicia.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved:

Come to the Lord, a living stone, rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it says in Scripture:

Bel, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
and Whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,
a stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.
You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of his own,
so that you may announce the praises” of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Palabra de Dios. Te alabamos, Señor.

Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving

Offertory
John Ness Beck (1930-1987)
sung by the Schola Cantorum

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on High?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Prayer After Communion

Remarks
**Communion Chant**  

*Out of Darkness*

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**The Holy Gospel**

John 17:11b, 17-23

*Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Juan*

*En aquel tiempo, Jesús levantó los ojos al cielo y dijo:*

“Padre santo, cuida en tu nombre a los que me has dado, para que sean uno, como nosotros. Santifícalos en la verdad. Tu palabra es la verdad. Así como tú me enviaste al mundo, así los envío yo también ellos sean santificados en la verdad.

“No sólo te pido por mis discípulos, sino también por los que van a creer en mí por la palabra de ellos, para que todos sean uno, como tú. Padre, en mí y yo en ti somos uno, a fin de que sean uno en nosotros y el mundo crea que tú me has enviado.

“Yo les he dado la gloria que tú me diste, para que sean uno, como nosotros somos uno. Yo en ellos y tú en mí, para que su unidad sea perfecta y así el mundo conozca que tú me has enviado y que los amas, como me amas a mí”

*The Gospel of the Lord.  Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**Homily**

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer  
Eleventh Bishop of Harrisburg
The Profession of Faith

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei

**THE COMMUNION RITE**

**Missa Cunctipotens**
Bernard Wert (1899-1966)
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_sung by the Schola Cantorum_

_Bishop:_ Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

_All:_ Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Please kneel following the Agnus Dei
Sanctus

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Mysterium Fidei

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Amen

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Please kneel following the Sanctus

Please stand

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The Universal Prayer

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Altar and the Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Chant

Ca Khuûc Traàm Höông

Translation: “Our words are like incense, rising up to heaven”

Sung by the Sacred Heart Choir of the Vietnamese Martyrs Community in Lancaster

The Invitation to Prayer

Bishop: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. Please stand and respond.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Preface Dialogue