

BIOGRAPHY

THE MOST REVEREND JEROME E. LISTECKI

The Most Rev. Jerome E. Listecky was born March 12, 1949. He attended St. Michael the Archangel Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary South High School and Niles College of Loyola University. He began his graduate studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary in 1971 and was ordained a priest on May 14, 1975. On November 7, 2000 he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II and was ordained a bishop on January 8, 2001.

Bishop Listecky was first assigned as a deacon at St. Michael Parish in Orland Park from 1974-1975. His first assignment as a priest was at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Chicago from 1975-1976. In 1976 he was appointed Dean of Students at Quigley Preparatory Seminary North in Chicago. Also in 1976 he was assigned to Mater Christi Parish in North Riverside.

He began his graduate studies in Canon Law and Moral Theology in 1979 at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy earning a licentiate and doctorate degree. In 1976 he earned a civil law degree from DePaul University in Chicago.

Upon returning from Rome he began teaching Canon Law and Moral Theology at the Archdiocesan major seminary, the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. He taught at Mundelein Seminary until being named pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in August, 2000. On November 7, 2000 he was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II and was ordained a bishop on January 8, 2001. In January, 2002 Bishop Listecky was named the Episcopal Bishop of Vicariate I of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In addition to his duties as Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar for Vicariate 1, he is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves, still supporting the local troops.

Bishop Listecky is a member of numerous boards and committees. He has also been involved in many different projects including an Appellate Judge for the Matrimonial Tribunal, in-house legal counsel for the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1985-1987, being a host for WIND Catholic Conversation from 1978-1979, a celebrant for WGN Mass for Shut-ins and being a producer for several television programs.

On March 1, 2005, he was installed as the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

At the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Listecky led the Diocese in various initiatives including a successful \$50 million dollar capital campaign, the individual incorporation and computerization of all 165 parishes of the Diocese, raising over a half-million dollars in Gulf Coast flood relief, assisting in relief for the local floods, and the formulation of a diocesan-wide pastoral plan. Under his tenure as Bishop, fifteen priests were ordained for the Diocese of La Crosse, with six ordinations in 2009 alone, and twenty-six women from the Diocese entered consecrated religious life.

Bishop Listecky has one sister, Mary (Penny), who resides in the south suburbs of Chicago.