



DIOCESE *of* LACROSSE

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**STATEMENT OF BISHOP JEROME LISTECKI**  
**ON BEING NAMED AS ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE**

“I am humbled by my selection as the Archbishop of Milwaukee. I will do my best to fulfill the confidence His Holiness Benedict XVI has placed in me. Although I look forward to responding to the challenges presented by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, I do regret leaving the Diocese of La Crosse, a diocese that I have grown to love and call home. The priests, religious, deacons, curial staff and lay faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse have made me a better man, a more faithful priest and hopefully a good bishop. I ask forgiveness of any that I may have offended in my years as the bishop of the diocese and I beg for your continued prayers that I may faithfully fulfill our Lord’s mission for the good of His Church. When I was installed as Bishop of La Crosse, I ended my homily by stating: “Now you belong to me, I belong to you, but we belong to Christ.” That will never change.”

The Most Rev. Jerome E. ListECKI