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NEWS RELEASE

**BISHOP JEROME E. LISTECKI**  
**NAMED AS ARCHBISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE**

This morning at 5am Central Standard Time, the Vatican announced that Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Jerome E. ListECKI as the 11<sup>th</sup> bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

**The Diocese of La Crosse greatly regrets losing Bishop ListECKI who in the last four years and eight months has wonderfully served the Diocese in so many ways. He has been a true gift to us and will be greatly missed by the priests, deacons, religious, curia staff and lay faithful of the Diocese.**

**At the same time, the Diocese of La Crosse wishes to express its joy that the many wonderful talents of Bishop Jerome ListECKI will be serving the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. His ministry will certainly enrich the lives of our brothers and sisters in Milwaukee.**

Bishop ListECKI is currently in Milwaukee today for the announcement. He then journeys to Baltimore for the Fall Plenary Meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) which meets for the week of November 16-21. Bishop ListECKI then departs shortly thereafter for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Bishop ListECKI remains with the Diocese of La Crosse until his installation as Archbishop of Milwaukee in the early part of January 2010. Announcement of the exact installation date will be forthcoming from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

All are encouraged to go to the website of the Diocese of La Crosse [www.dioceseoflacrosse.com](http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com) to view a video message from Bishop Listecky, other messages and information.

**Monsignor Richard Gilles, Moderator of the Curia, will be available for INTERVIEWS between 11 am-12 noon today. Please contact the above number to set an appointment.**

A **NEWS CONFERENCE** with Bishop Listecky will be held at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse on **Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 9:00am**. All media are invited to attend.