



April 14, 2008 - Cardinal Announces Leadership Appointments

(Brighton, MA) ... Cardinal Seán O'Malley has announced the appointments of three new leadership positions for the Archdiocese of Boston. These appointments are part of the ongoing effort to assign personnel and utilize resources so as to best serve the Archdiocese's parishes and ministries. The new appointments are:

- Auxiliary Bishop Emilio S. Allué, S.D.B., D.D, currently Regional Bishop for the Merrimack Region, will become Vicar for the Hispanic Apostolate and Evangelization.
- Rev. Arthur M. Coyle, currently Cabinet Secretary for Pastoral and Ministerial Services will become Episcopal Vicar for the Merrimack Region.
- Rev. Thomas S. Foley, currently pastor of St. Ann parish in Dorchester, will become Episcopal Vicar and Cabinet Secretary for the newly established Parish Life and Leadership Secretariat.

Cardinal Seán said, "Bishop Allué, Father Coyle and Fr. Foley have each in many different ways made significant contributions in recent years as we have worked to rebuild our local Church. Their genuine concern for the people of God and generosity of spirit have been recognized and affirmed by those who minister with them and those whom they serve. I am most grateful for their willingness to assume these new responsibilities on behalf of the Archdiocese."

Reverend Richard M. Erikson, Ph.D., V.G., Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese said, "I have had the privilege of working closely with Bishop Allué, Fr. Coyle and Fr. Foley over the past two years. I am certain they will continue to serve as great leaders for our church in these important ministries. These appointments are part of our efforts to enhance our ministries and offices at central administration and throughout the Archdiocese."

In recent months the Archdiocese has undertaken a series of steps to enhance our Central Administration's focus on key mission priorities. Among the recommendations adopted recently by the Cardinal was the establishment of a Parish Life and Leadership Secretariat as well as a Faith Formation and Evangelization Secretariat. These secretariats will largely be formed from the current Pastoral and Ministerial Services Secretariat.

Auxiliary Bishop Allué is one of twenty-five current Hispanic bishops and the first Salesian Bishop to serve in the United States. Born in Huesca, Spain, he was ordained a priest on December 22, 1966 and ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Boston on September 17, 1996. Bishop Allué became a United States citizen in 1974.

Fr. Coyle (ordained in 1977) will assume the leadership position for the Merrimack Region as Bishop Allué begins his new role as Vicar for Hispanic Apostolate and Evangelization. In his current role as Secretary for Pastoral and Ministerial Services, Fr. Coyle oversees more than twenty departments and ministries including clergy personnel, clergy formation, senior priests, the ethnic apostolate and deaf apostolate to name just a few. As Episcopal Vicar he will be the Cardinal's representative to parishes in more than thirty communities.

Fr. Foley (ordained in 1986) will assume the newly created Cabinet post of Secretary for Parish Life and Leadership. Currently pastor at St. Ann's Parish in Dorchester and a Vicar Forane in the Central Region, Fr. Foley brings extensive leadership skills to this important role that will help focus and enhance our clergy services, lay ecclesial ministry and pastoral planning. About the Archdiocese of Boston

The Archdiocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of approximately 2 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 295 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 48,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of more than one million patients annually in its hospitals and 200,000 individuals through its social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week.

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