



**Prayer for  
the Diocesan Administrator  
during the Time  
of the Vacant Episcopal See  
in the Diocese  
of Springfield in Illinois**

Let us pray.

God our Father,  
in all the churches scattered  
throughout the world  
you show forth the one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
Through the gospel and the  
eucharist  
bring your people together in  
the Holy Spirit  
and guide us in your love.  
Make us a sign of your love for  
all people,  
bless our administrator, Carl  
Kemme,  
and help us to show forth  
the living presence of Christ in  
the world,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Roman Missal, For the Local Church, adapted.*

**Prayers for Bishop-designate  
Thomas J. Paprocki,  
ninth bishop of the diocese,  
as we await  
his reception and installation  
on Tuesday, 22 June 2010**

Let us pray.

God, eternal shepherd,  
you tend your Church in many  
ways,  
and rule us with love.  
Help your chosen servant  
Thomas  
as pastor for Christ,  
to watch over your flock.  
Help him to be a faithful  
teacher,  
a wise administrator, and a holy  
priest.

We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Roman Missal, For the Bishop*



Let us pray.

Lord our God,  
you have chosen your servant  
Thomas  
to be a shepherd of your flock  
in the tradition of the apostles.  
Give him a spirit of courage and  
right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.  
By governing with fidelity those  
entrusted to his care  
may he build your Church as a  
sign of salvation for the  
world.

We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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