

Unofficial English Translation of the Apostolic Appointment Letter of

The Most Reverend Daniel Edward Thomas

as the Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo in America

Francis, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God

To Our Venerable Brother **Daniel Edward Thomas**, until now Titular Bishop of Bardstown and Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, greetings and Apostolic Blessing.

It is only with paternal affection that at this time We direct Our attention to Toledo, the celebrated “Glass City” and also the See of the Diocese of Toledo, established by Our Predecessor Saint Pius X, since We hasten to assign to it, without delay, an Ordinary to succeed Our Venerable Brother Leonard Paul Blair, who was appointed Metropolitan Archbishop of Hartford. For this reason, We confidently turn to you, Venerable Brother, who, endowed as you are with episcopal experience, seemed, in Our judgment, to be the right person to guide and bring genuine support to this Flock of the Lord.

Therefore, upon consultation with the Congregation for Bishops, where We know you served so well for fifteen years, by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We release you from the bond of the Titular Church of Bardstown, and We name and appoint you Bishop of the Diocese of **Toledo**, at the same time conferring upon you all the rights and imposing the obligations, which are connected with this same mandate. In addition, it Our earnest desire that both the clergy and the people of the Diocese of Toledo be informed about Our decree and decision, and also that they warmly welcome you as their Shepherd and guardian of the truth. Moreover, on your part, be sure to teach the faithful entrusted to your pastoral care with absolute charitableness and with the kindness of your demeanor.

As We write this to you, Venerable Brother, We urge that you clearly show to your Flock the One who Thomas saw; that you nourish your Flock with the One Whom Thomas touched; that you yourself unwaveringly profess and proclaim to your Flock the One who Thomas confessed as God, the Lord of all mercies (cf. John 20, 28).

Given at Rome, at Saint Peter’s, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of August, in the year of the Lord two thousand fourteen, the second of Our Pontificate.

Francis

Marcello Rossetti
Protonotary Apostolic