



Memo

Date: March 9, 2020

To: Priests and deacons

From: ✠ The Most Reverend Joel M. Konzen S.M.

Re: Appointment of Archbishop Gregory John Hartmayer OFM, Conv.,
as Archbishop of Atlanta

Thursday morning, March 5, Pope Francis named Archbishop Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM, Conv., as seventh archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Archbishop Hartmayer is currently the Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, and will succeed Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, who served as Atlanta's archbishop from January 2005 to May 2019.

This is something of a homecoming for Archbishop Hartmayer, who served as pastor of St. Philip Benizi in Jonesboro for 15 years and as pastor at St. John Vianney in Lithia Springs for a year before being called to be the Bishop of Savannah. I warmly welcome him as an episcopal colleague who will join Bishop Bernard E. Shlesinger III and me in caring for this wonderful Catholic community.

We are looking forward to formally welcoming our new shepherd with solemn vespers on Tuesday, May 5, at the Cathedral of Christ the King. His installation will follow on Wednesday, May 6, at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Roswell. Please share this good news with your parishioners and staff in a way you determine best. I ask you to keep Archbishop Hartmayer, Bishop Shlesinger and me in your prayers as we prepare for that happy day.

You may view Archbishop Hartmayer's introductory press conference [here](#).

To learn more about Archbishop Hartmayer, visit the [Georgia Bulletin](#) online. This page will be updated regularly.