



FRANCIS, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, to my beloved son Patrick Joseph McKinney, of the clergy of the metropolitan See of Birmingham and until now parish priest of the Parish of Our Lady & All Saints in the town of Stourbridge, elected Bishop of Nottingham, health and the apostolic blessing!

Whereas a Bishop is to be appointed to the Diocese of Nottingham, vacant upon the translation of my Venerable Brother Malcolm Patrick McMahon to the metropolitan See of Liverpool, having consulted the Congregation for Bishops, I, the Successor of blessed Peter and universal Father, consider you, beloved Son, being furnished with the requisite gifts and an expert in ecclesial matters, to be worthy to govern that diocese.

Therefore, by supreme apostolic power, I appoint you Bishop of Nottingham, with all the rights and obligations pertaining thereunto.

I permit you to accept ordination by a Catholic Bishop anywhere outside the City of Rome according to the norms of the liturgical laws. Beforehand, however, you are to make the profession of the Catholic faith and swear the oath of fidelity to me and my successors, according to the sacred canons.

Moreover, I require you to make these letters known to your clergy and people, whom I exhort to receive you willingly and remain united to you.

Finally, beloved son, you are to fulfil the episcopal office lovingly, after the supreme example of Christ, the Prince of Shepherds, which our Master left behind as his supreme commandment (cf. *John* 15:9-17), that the faithful entrusted to you may find you to be a provident leader, a wise teacher, and also a most benevolent father.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, and the patronage of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, always sustain and gladden you and that most dear ecclesial community in beloved England.

Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the fourteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord 2015, the third of my pontificate,

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