

Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski



Mitchell Thomas Rozanski was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 6, 1958. A Baltimore native of Polish-American descent, he lived with his family in Fells Point, MD where they attended Holy Rosary Parish. When he was 8 years old, the family moved to Dundalk and the parish of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Graceland Park, where he attended the elementary school. He is a graduate of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School (Essex), the Catholic University of America before entering the Theological College at the Catholic University of America where he received seminary training.

He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on November 24, 1984. He served as an associate pastor at St. Michael, Overlea in 1984 and then the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. He was appointed associate pastor at St. Anthony of Padua, Baltimore in 1985 and St. Isaac Jogues, Baltimore in 1990. He was appointed administrator of Holy Cross and St. Mary Star of the Sea parishes in Baltimore in March 1993, before being appointed pastor there in October. In January 2000 he was appointed temporary administrator of Immaculate Conception, Towson and in June assumed the same duties at St. John before being named its pastor on November 28, 2000.

On July 3, 2004 he was named by Pope John Paul II as auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and was ordained on August 24, 2004 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Upon his ordination as bishop he was named vicar general and episcopal vicar for the Seton Vicariate of the Archdiocese. He also served on the College of Consultors for the Archdiocese and as the Vicar for Hispanics. At the time of his ordination as a bishop in 2004, he was the youngest bishop in the United States.

Bishop Rozanski has served on the National Committee for the Protection of Youth and Young People since January 2007. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. He was also named the Episcopal Moderator of the National Association of Holy Name Societies on October 1, 2012, a term that runs thru September 30, 2017. He will also serve as the liaison with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Bishop Rozanski is co-chair for the Polish National Church – Roman Catholic Dialogue, Audit Subcommittee of USCCB, Knight Commander of the Royal Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and also serves as a Consultant to the National Association for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. Bishop is on the National Advisory Council of the USCCB for a 3 year term through March 2015 and in November 2013 was elected as chair of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Committee of the USCCB.

Bishop Rozanski will be installed as the 9th Bishop of Springfield on Tuesday, August 12 at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, Springfield, MA.