

DIocese of Reno  
Reno, Nevada  
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MAY 24, 1967

THE BOARD OF CONSULTORS OF THE DIOCESE OF RENO MET IN FORMAL SESSION ON MAY 24, 1967, AT 5:00 P.M. O'CLOCK IN THE RECTORY OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHEDRAL IN RENO, NEVADA. THE CONSULTORS PRESENT WERE: RT REV MSGR PATRICK J CONNORS, PA-VERY REVEREND THOMAS CONNOLLY, JCD, VF-REVEREND LAWRENCE O BOURRIE-REVEREND JOSEPH F BALDUS-REVEREND THOMAS MILLER-REVEREND CHARLES J RIGHINI-REVEREND JOHN J McVEIGH-REVEREND LEO E McFADDEN. BISHOP JOSEPH GREEN, D D, JCD, PRESENTED THE APOSTOLIC LETTER OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE SEE OF RENO TO THE BOARD OF CONSULTORS BY WHICH ACT HE BECAME THE THIRD BISHOP OF RENO. THE HOLY FATHER HAD DISPENSED BISHOP GREEN FROM MAKING THE PROFESSION OF FAITH IN HIS LETTER OF APPOINTMENT. THE OATH OF FIDELITY TO THE HOLY FATHER AND TO THE APOSTOLIC SEE HAD BEEN TAKEN PREVIOUSLY BY BISHOP GREEN BEFORE HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP ALEXANDER M ZALESKI OF THE DIOCESE OF LANSING.

Msgr. Patrick J. Connors  
Rev. Thomas Connolly  
John J. McVeigh  
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VISUM Joseph Green



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PAUL, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

To our Venerable Brother, Michael Joseph Green, hitherto Titular Bishop of Trisipa, elected Bishop of the Cathedral Church of Reno, health and apostolic benediction.

We follow in the footsteps of the most blessed Peter, Prince of the Apostles, who fulfilled with the utmost zeal and effort the office committed to him of feeding the Christian people. Though altogether unequal to bearing so great a burden, yet with similar care to fulfill the duties of our pontificate, We have succeeded to his place. There is certainly none of these duties We consider more important than that of providing wise bishops for individual churches.

The Church of Reno was left vacant, with the transfer of Our Venerable Brother, Robert Joseph Dwyer, to the metropolitan See of Oregon. It was therefore necessary to assign it a new and industrious leader. So we have decided that you, Venerable Brother, could well head so great a diocese and be most useful for governing the people of God. For you not only show a happy disposition but also shine with a spotless devotion to God and His Mother and excell in practical experience.

Therefore, seeking beforehand the counsel of our beloved son the Proprefect of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation and Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, We release you from the titular bond you were under to the See of Trisipa, and We name and declare you Bishop of Reno, giving you the authority with all the rights proper to resident bishops.

Moreover, We exempt you from repeating the profession of faith, everything to the contrary notwithstanding. But you will take the oath of fidelity to Us and this Roman Church, with the usual ceremony, in the presence of a bishop who is joined with us in sincere charity. You will then promptly send to the Sacred Consistorial Congregation the formula of your oath, duly signed and sealed.

For the rest, Venerable Brother, We exhort you to consider that all the Christians committed to your care are so many sons; that your diocese now numbers as many treasures to be watched over as it has inhabitants; that there will be as many citizens of the divine mansion as divine grace, your own vigilance and foresight, will save from everlasting death.

Given in Rome, at St Peter's, the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-seven, the fourth of Our Pontificate.

Pro-Chancellor of the Holy Roman Church

†H. J. Cardinal Cicognani

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