

## Diocese of Winona introduces new bishop

By Jerome Christenson

The people of the Diocese of Winona welcomed a new bishop and the people of the Parish of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart welcomed their new pastor with a Mass of Welcome Dec. 11. Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop John M. Quinn, formerly an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit to succeed Bishop Bernard Harrington as bishop of Winona.

Bishop Quinn's appointment as the eighth Bishop of Winona Oct. 15 was announced by papal nuncio Pietro Sambi. Quinn was named coadjutor bishop with right of succession.

Bishop Harrington, seventh Bishop of Winona, submitted his resignation to Pope Benedict XVI in September on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday as required by canon law. As coadjutor, Bishop Quinn will succeed Bishop Bernard Harrington and serve as sole bishop when Harrington's resignation is formally accepted by the Vatican.

"I come to you with an open heart," Quinn, 62, said on the day his appointment was announced. He thanked Bishop Harrington for his warm welcome and for his years of service to the church of Winona. "I am following someone who is very loved," he said.

Bishop Quinn is the second bishop to come to Winona from the Archdiocese of Detroit in 10 years. Bishop Quinn is a Detroit native, the third and youngest child of the late George and Mary Quinn. He was ordained a priest on March 17, 1972. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, Master of Divinity in religious studies and a Masters in systemic theology. He served several parishes of the Detroit as pastor and associate From 1990 to 2003 he served as director of the education department of the archdiocese. He was installed as the 23<sup>rd</sup> auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit Aug. 12, 2003 as Bishop of the Titular See of Ressiana and appointed Auxiliary Bishop for the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit which includes the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Bishop Bernard J. Harrington was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Winona by Pope John Paul II on Nov. 5, 1998, and installed at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Jan. 6, 1999. In 1959, he was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit and ordained bishop Jan. 6, 1994.

Bishop Harrington plans to spend his retirement in Rochester, assisting in parish work.