



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GREEN BAY, Wis. (April 7, 2021) – The Holy Father, Pope Francis, today announced the appointment of the Very Reverend Daniel Felton as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota. Bishop Elect Felton will be ordained a bishop and installed in the Diocese of Duluth during a Mass on Thursday, May 20, 2021. Presently, Father Felton is the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Green Bay, a position he has held since July, 2014.

Bishop David L. Ricken said of the appointment of Father Felton, "I could not be more delighted that The Holy Father has chosen to elevate Father Dan Felton to the Episcopacy as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Duluth. Bishop-elect Felton, a native of the Diocese of Green Bay, has excelled in his service to this Diocese in the many positions he has held and has been a trusted advisor in his role as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. His presence, ministry and expertise will be sorely missed here, but he will bring many gifts to the faithful of the Diocese of Duluth."

Bishop-elect Felton was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on February 5, 1955. He is the son of Carol and the late Ken Felton and the oldest of five children. The bishop-elect holds a B.A. degree from St. Norbert in Religious Studies and Psychology; a M.A. in Theology from St. John University, Collegeville, MN; a S.T.L. in Dogmatic Theology and a Diploma. in Social Communications from the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.

Bishop-elect Felton was ordained a priest on June 13, 1981 by Bishop Wycislo. His parish assignments have included Holy Innocents in Manitowoc, St. Raphael the Archangel in Oshkosh, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc, St. Edward in Mackville, St. Nicholas in Freedom and St. Mary in Greenville. Fr. Felton was also the Director of Affiliate Affairs for the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America

Father Felton is a member of the Diocesan College of Consultors, Presbyteral Council, Leadership Roundtable, Priest Personnel Board, Diocesan Finance Council, and St. Norbert College Board of Trustees. He also served as a member of the National Advisory Council of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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**Who we are:** As friends and followers of Jesus, the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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