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Statement on Appointment of a New Bishop of Richmond

With great joy, the Virginia Catholic Conference welcomes Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout of the Archdiocese of Washington as the new bishop of Richmond. Appointed by Pope Francis today as the 13th bishop of Richmond, Bishop-designate Knestout, who has been a member of the Maryland Catholic Conference's Administrative Board, will succeed Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, who co-founded the Virginia conference. Following his Jan. 12 installation, Bishop Knestout will join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington in leading the Virginia Catholic Conference through its Board of Managers.

Through his 28 years as a priest, Bishop Knestout also has served as a pastor, secretary for pastoral ministry and social concerns, vicar general and moderator of the curia and has demonstrated his deep commitment to the Church's ministries to the vulnerable and to Catholic education. We look forward to Bishop Knestout's guidance and wisdom as we work to ensure the common good in Virginia.

The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public-policy representative for Virginia's Catholic bishops and the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond, which include almost 700,000 parishioners.

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