

The text of the Papal Mandate from Pope Francis appointing Fr Fintan Gavin as Bishop of Cork and Ross.

It was read at the Episcopal Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork June 30th 2019 by Canon John O'Donovan, Administrator of the Cathedral.



Francis, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, to our beloved son Fintan Gavin, of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Dublin, and Chancellor there until now, nominated Bishop of Cork and Ross: greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

When he offered his precious body on the altar of the Cross for the salvation of all, Christ made such an acceptable sacrifice that the Father will never hesitate to have mercy on us, and cannot but bestow his favour on those who persevere in the pursuit of the virtues (cf. St John Fisher, Commentary on the Psalms, 129). This understanding of mercy moves Us all the more, in governing the universal Church, to be concerned for the salvation of the souls of the faithful.

Therefore We are pleased to turn our thoughts to the ecclesial community of Cork and Ross which, being vacant after the resignation of its last Bishop, our Venerable Brother John Buckley, awaits a new Pastor and Moderator of diocesan life. We thought of you, beloved son, as having shown yourself in the exercise of your duties so gifted with human and priestly qualities, and with skill in practical affairs, that you seemed suitable to Us to undertake this office.

Therefore, having heard the counsel of the Congregation for Bishops, We, with the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, appoint you Bishop of Cork and Ross, with all the rights and obligations of this office. You will be able to receive episcopal ordination anywhere outside the City of Rome from a Catholic bishop, following the liturgical norms, having first

made the profession of faith and the oath of fidelity to Us and Our successors, according to the sacred canons.

We wish you to inform the clergy and people of this ecclesial community about this decree of Ours, and We exhort them with all our heart to receive you as their teacher and guardian. May the Lord grant you, beloved son, and the flock committed to your care, the grace of reconciliation, that you may give one another an example of mutual charity, and be able to set out with one accord on the path of renewal.

Given in Rome, at St Peter's, on the eighth day of the month of April, in the year of the Lord two thousand and nineteen, the seventh of Our Pontificate.

Francis.

Francesco Di Felice, Protonotary Apostolic.

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