



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

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Local Priest named Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Venice, Fla., February 21, 2025 – The Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, expressed his gratitude to His Holiness Pope Francis for the appointment of Rev. Gregg M. Caggianelli, a priest of the Diocese of Venice, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

Rev. Caggianelli was ordained to the priesthood on October 25, 2002, by Most Rev. John J. Nevins, then the Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice, Florida. His first assignment as Parochial Vicar was at Incarnation Parish in Sarasota. During that time Father Caggianelli also served as Associate Director and later Director of Vocations and Seminary Formation in the Diocese of Venice. Having completed his assignment at Incarnation Parish, he was appointed on November 15, 2010, as Administrator of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Fort Myers. Father Caggianelli has served on the Presbyteral Council and various committees for the Diocese of Venice. Since June 2013, Father Caggianelli has served at the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida, in various capacities, most recently as Vice Rector & Dean of Human Formation.

Bishop-elect Caggianelli served in the United States Air Force on active duty (1991-1996) and in the reserves (1996-present). He has also served as a reserve chaplain since 2002.

Bishop Dewane congratulates Bishop-elect Caggianelli on his appointment to the Episcopate and prays that his ministry be filled with blessings and inspiration as he undertakes this new responsibility serving our Lord and our nation. "It is truly an honor to have a priest of the Diocese of Venice chosen as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. I ask that all priests, deacons and faithful of the Diocese of Venice share in my joy at this appointment and pray for the successful ministry of Bishop-elect Caggianelli," said Bishop Dewane.

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About the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA – The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA serves U.S. Catholics of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Department of Veterans Affairs and those in government service outside the United States. It was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces, which includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 VA medical centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the United States in 134 countries.

About the Diocese of Venice in Florida – The Diocese of Venice in Florida was established by Pope John Paul in 1984 and today includes 61 parishes, 15 schools and serves an estimated 250,000 Catholics in 10 counties. Presently, the Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane is the Bishop of the Diocese. For more information on the Diocese of Venice in Florida, visit <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org>

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