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## Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Edward M. Rice to be Offered Next Tuesday

*Bishop Rice to be installed bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Wednesday, June 1*

**What:** Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Edward M. Rice

**Where:** Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (4431 Lindell)

**When:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 5:00 p.m.; Bishop Rice will be available to media prior to Mass at 4:15 p.m.

**Who:** Archbishop Robert Carlson, Bishop Edward Rice, St. Louis-area Catholics

**ST. LOUIS** – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson and Catholics from around the St. Louis region will bid farewell to Most Reverend Edward M. Rice, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis and Bishop-designate of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, and thank him for his years of service to the Archdiocese of St. Louis at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, May 24 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Rice will be available to the media prior to Mass at 4:15 p.m.

Pope Francis [announced on April 26](#) that Bishop Rice, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, had been named Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau. The position was vacated by Most Reverend James V. Johnston who was installed as Bishop of Kansas City – St. Joseph on November 4, 2015.

Bishop-designate Rice has served as a priest in the Archdiocese of St. Louis since his ordination in January 1987. He has served as associate pastor at Our Lady of the Presentation Parish, religion teacher at St. Mary's High School while residing at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Director at Cardinal Glennon College Seminary, pastor at St. John the Baptist and Director of Vocations. He was appointed the title Monsignor in July 2008 and Auxiliary Bishop in December 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

During his episcopacy for the past five years, Bishop-designate Rice has served as vicar over five of the diocesan deaneries and overseen many of the ministries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, including Vocations, Consecrated Life, Intercultural and Interreligious Affairs, Priest Personnel, Youth Protection and the St. Charles Lwanga Center.

Bishop-designate Rice will be installed as the seventh Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Springfield, Missouri. The event will be broadcast live on EWTN and also live-streamed through the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau [Facebook page](#).

An additional Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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