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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Has Submitted Letter of Retirement to Pope Francis

Archbishop Carlson turns 75 years old on June 30, mandatory retirement age for bishops per canon law

ST. LOUIS – After a decade of strong servant leadership, the Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, has submitted his letter of retirement to His Holiness Pope Francis for consideration just ahead of the archbishop’s 75th birthday, June 30, in accordance with canon law.

The time frame in which Pope Francis will accept Archbishop Carlson’s retirement, and announce who will be installed as the next Archbishop of St. Louis, is to be determined by the pope and is unknown at this time.

“I am grateful to have served the Archdiocese of St. Louis for 10 years. My successor will inherit a large, generous Catholic community, and I look forward to seeing what this community will accomplish in the next decade and beyond.”

**- Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis**

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