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**Pope Francis Accepts Retirement of Archbishop Robert J. Carlson;
Names Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski as Archbishop of St. Louis**

News Conference Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. CT Today

ST. LOUIS – This morning, His Holiness Pope Francis announced that he has accepted the retirement of Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson as Archbishop of St. Louis, and has named Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski as the 11th bishop and 10th archbishop of St. Louis.

A live-streamed news conference is scheduled this morning to introduce Archbishop-designate Rozanski to the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

WHAT: The Archdiocese of St. Louis will hold a private, live-streamed news conference to introduce Archbishop-designate Rozanski to the faithful of the archdiocese and address questions from the media.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 10, 2020
10:00 a.m. CT

WHERE: A live-stream of the news conference, held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the Archdiocese of St. Louis [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

Due to social-distancing guidelines, in-person attendance at the news conference is by invitation only.

Archbishop Carlson welcomes Archbishop-designate Rozanski to the Archdiocese of St. Louis: “I am honored to have served as leader of the Archdiocese of St. Louis for more than a decade,” said Archbishop Carlson. “This large and generous community of faithful Catholics will continue to encourage me in my faith journey, and I know that Bishop Rozanski will cherish his new ministry. I am confident in the future of God’s strong Church in St. Louis with Archbishop-designate Rozanski as its shepherd.”

Archbishop-designate Rozanski currently serves as Bishop of Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was appointed bishop by Pope Francis on June 19, 2014.

A Mass to install Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski as the 10th bishop and 11th archbishop of St. Louis is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020, on the Feast Day of Saint Louis, King of France. More information regarding the installation Mass will follow in the coming weeks as details are confirmed. An official biography and photo of Archbishop-designate Rozanski are available at archstl.org/archbishop.

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson served as Archbishop of St. Louis for 11 years—from June 10, 2009 to June 10, 2020. He will continue to serve the Archdiocese of St. Louis as Apostolic Administrator until the installation of Archbishop-designate Rozanski. The Archdiocese of St. Louis is grateful to Archbishop Carlson for his faithful and strong leadership throughout the triumphs and challenges of the last decade, and looks forward to the gifts he will continue to offer in the next chapter of his journey.

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