



AMERICAN NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Right Reverend Michael Curry
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July 1, 2015
Feast of St. Oliver Plunkett

Dear Presiding Bishop-elect Curry:

On behalf of the people of God and the clergy of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), I send you fraternal greetings and congratulations as you prepare to shepherd the Episcopal Church in America. The overwhelming number of bishops and delegates who voted for you at General Convention truly attests to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We in the ANCC have a deep affection for the Episcopal Church. Several of our parishes enjoy cordial relations with nearby Episcopal ones, and one of our clergy was actually an Episcopal deacon before incardinating with us.

All of us in the ANCC are grateful for the courage of the Episcopal Church in general, and yours in particular, in taking the lead on important social issues and thereby expanding the range of Catholic theological praxis. As an independent Catholic jurisdiction with parishes in North Dakota, New Mexico, Missouri, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut, we have much in common, in theology as well as mission, with our Episcopal sisters and brothers.

Please know that you are in my prayers as you prepare to serve as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America. I look forward to meeting you, when things settle down a bit for you, to share a meal and fellowship. I'm just across the river from New York City.

In the meantime, I remain.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "George R. Lucey, FCM".

Most Rev. George R. Lucey, FCM
Presiding Bishop,
The American National Catholic Church