

*Bishop Daniel Patrick Reilly*  
*(May 12, 1919)*

The Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly was born in Providence, Rhode Island on May 12, 1928, son of Francis E. and Mary A. (Burns) Reilly. He is, one of nine children. He was installed as the Fourth Bishop of Worcester, December 8, 1994, in the Cathedral of St. Paul. Bishop Reilly studied for the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence Minor Seminary, in Warwick, Rhode Island from 1943 to 1948, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1953 after 5 years of philosophical and theological study at the Grand Seminaire in Saint Brieuç, France.

Following his ordination, Bishop Reilly served at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral Parish, Providence, as an associate pastor. He also pursued graduate studies in Business Administration at Boston College and Harvard University in 1955 and 1956. In the 22 years that he served as a priest in the Diocese of Providence, he held a number of assignments, including Assistant Chancellor, Secretary to the Bishop, Chancellor and Vicar General. He attended two sessions of the Second Vatican Council, 1962 and 1964 and was named a Domestic Prelate in 1965.

In June, 1975, Pope Paul VI named him Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut, where he served until being named Bishop of Worcester in October, 1994 by Pope John Paul II. The Holy Father accepted his normative letter of resignation as Bishop of Worcester in late 2003 since he had reached the age of 75. Subsequently, he was elected as the Administrator of the Diocese until a new bishop was named.

Bishop Reilly has held many posts in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including Chairman of the International Policy Committee. In that capacity, he traveled to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland with the U.S. Delegation for Peace in Northern Ireland in 1995, as well as to South Africa, and Central and South America. From 1978 to 1987 he served as Chairman of Catholic Relief Services, the overseas assistance and development agency of the United States Bishops. His duties brought him to Egypt, Ethiopia, the near East and Eastern Europe. Bishop Reilly's pastoral duties abroad have continued with recent trips to South Africa, Haiti, Poland and Cuba. He served on the writing committee for the U.S. Bishops Conference letter on nuclear weapons: *The Challenge of Peace* (1983). He also sat on the USCCB's Committee on Pastoral Practices and was active with the National Catholic Cemetery Conference, has also been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and is also on the Board of Trustees of the Nativity School in Worcester.

Bishop Reilly holds honorary doctoral degrees from Anna Maria College, Assumption College, and College of the Holy Cross, in Massachusetts; Our Lady of Providence College Seminary, Providence College and Salve Regina College, in Rhode Island; Mitchell College, Sacred Heart University and Holy Apostles College and Seminary, in Connecticut; and Saint Michael's College, in Vermont.

For the Holy See, Bishop Reilly served on the Pontifical Council, Cor Unum, from 1980-1988. He was named as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 1994.

He is a longstanding and dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus, as well as an ardent champion of the principles upon which the Order was founded, Bishop Daniel P. Reilly received his First Degree in March of 1957 and retains his membership in Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #12182 at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Bishop Daniel P. Reilly has the distinction of having served as State Chaplain in three jurisdictions, Rhode Island in the years 1964 through 1975, Connecticut in the years 1975 through 1994 and finally after his becoming Bishop Emeritus of Worcester, Massachusetts from July 2004 until June 2011.

*Program*

*May 12, 2018*

*Bishop Emeritus Daniel P. Reilly*  
*90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration*



*Saint John's High School*

*Shrewsbury, Massachusetts*



*Welcome*

*To The Birthday Celebration for*

*Bishop Reilly*

*Hosted by the*

*Worcester Chapter*

*Knights of Columbus*



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***Program***

*Introduction - Procession*

*Pledge of Allegiance - Star Spangled Banner*

*Invocation -*

*Welcome -*

*Alex Zequeira, Headmaster, Saint John's High School*

*Lunch*

*Presentations -*

*Karen Polito, Massachusetts Lt Governor*

*Hannah Kane, Massachusetts State Representative*

*Speakers -*

*Robert J. McManus DD, STD, Bishop of Worcester*

*Rev. Ray Introvigne, Dir. Spiritual Renewal Services, Norwich*

*Karen Iaganelli, CEO Notre Dame Healthcare*

*Michael D. Moore, Massachusetts State Senator*

*Michael Benson, State Deputy Rhode Island Knights of Columbus*

*Paul O'Sullivan, State Deputy Massachusetts Knights of Columbus*

***Honoree - Bishop Daniel P. Reilly***

*Raffle and Auction*

*Closing Prayer -*