



Connecticut State Council
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Venerable Michael J. McGivney Award Ceremony

SAVE THE DATE
October 24th, 2021
45th ANNUAL CEREMONY

My Brother Knights:

The Connecticut State Council is pleased to announce that this year's award recipient is the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford.

The Most Reverend Leonard Paul Blair, born in Detroit on April 12, 1949, was named the Fifth Archbishop of Hartford on October 29, 2013, and installed in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph on December 16, 2013.

Archbishop Blair was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 26, 1976, following studies at Sacred Heart Seminary College, Detroit; the North American College, Rome; and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Archbishop Blair holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in History from Sacred Heart Seminary College; a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) from the Pontifical Gregorian University; a Licentiate in Theology (S.T.L.) with a specialization in Patristics and the History of Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University; and a Doctorate in Theology (S.T.D.) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome.

Archbishop Blair's parish assignments in the Archdiocese of Detroit were St. Martin de Porres, Warren; Our Lady of Queen of Peace, Harper Woods; St. Christopher, Detroit; and St. Paul, Grosse Pointe Farms, where he served as Pastor at the time of his ordination as a Bishop. Other assignments included: Instructor in Church History and Patristics, Saint John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth; Archivist for the Archdiocese of Detroit; Administrative Secretary to the Archbishop of Detroit; Vicar General and Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit; Consultor; Dean of Studies and Assistant Professor of Theology, Sacred Heart Major Seminary College, Detroit; Ecumenical Officer of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Assignments in Rome were in the Vatican Secretariat of State, and later the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See as Secretary to Edmund Cardinal Szoka.

Significant dates include the following:

July 9, 1999: appointment as Titular Bishop of Voncariana and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit.

August 24, 1999: episcopal ordination.

October 7, 2003: appointment as Bishop of Toledo, Ohio.

December 4, 2003: installation as the Seventh Bishop of Toledo.

Over the years Archbishop Blair has served on several committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including the Committee on Women in Society & the Church; the Committee on Catechesis; and the Subcommittee on the Catechism, which he chaired. As of November, 2014, he will chair the Committee on Evangelization & Catechesis, and serve as a member of the Doctrine Committee, the Committee on Divine Worship, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty.

Sourced <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/archbishop-leonard-p-blair/>

This year's dinner and ceremony will take place on Sunday October 24, 2021 at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT. Social hour at 4pm with dinner served at 5pm. The cost per dinner is \$50.

We have enclosed an order form for your reservations. No tickets will be issued. Again seating will be done on a first come first served basis when your reservation form and payment is received. Groups of 10 or more will be given priority seating and we will group attendees by district where possible. District Deputies please coordinate reservations within your district. Please feel free to make as many copies as needed of the reservation form. Please direct all reservations to the banquet tickets e-mail or fax number below.

The deadline for reservations is October 11, 2021

Black Tie is highly encouraged.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,

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