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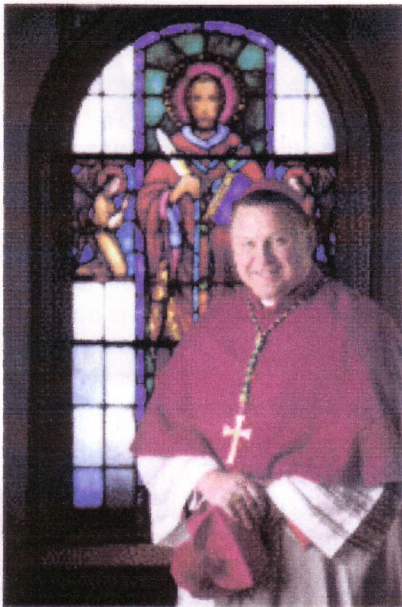
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MEET OUR BISHOP - MOST REVEREND RICHARD F. STIKA, D.D.



Bishop Richard F. Stika was born July 4, 1957, in St. Louis, Mo. He is the son of Frank and Helen (Musielak) Stika, both deceased, and the brother of Lawrence Stika, Robert Stika, and Joseph Calabro.

The bishop was baptized July 21, 1957, at St. Francis de Sales Church in St. Louis. He attended church and grade school at Epiphany of Our Lord in South St. Louis and one year of high school at St. Augustine Minor Seminary High School in Holland, Mich., before graduating in 1975 from Bishop DuBourg High School in St. Louis.

He earned a B.S. in business from St. Louis University in 1979 and a B.A. in philosophy from Cardinal Glennon College in St. Louis in 1981. In 1985 he received a master of divinity degree from Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis.

He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Dec. 14, 1985, by Archbishop John L. May at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis. Since his ordination he has possessed bi-ritual faculties of the Maronite Church, an Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church.

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First Holy Communion on May 2, 2009

1st Row: Caleb Smith, Sarah Fillers, Ryan Kells, Madison Dudley, Matthew White; 2nd Row: Chenoa Wimberley, Jennifer Gonzales, Daniel Kindle, Laura Bustros, Amairam Jardinez; 3rd Row: Fr. John Appiah, Christian Vazquez, Jennifer Luna, and Gloria Bustros.



Confirmation on May 24, 2009

Seated: Virginia Nagy, Meghan Kiehna, Brice Hebert, Stefania Collins, Dierdra Bailey; Standing: Kaitlyn Horner, Samantha Durham, Dylan Jones, Bishop Richard Stika, Ethan Lott, David Place, and Emily HagenBurger.