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Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo

Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg
March 8, 1932 — March 5, 2004

“Love Life and Do Good”

Bishop Dattilo’s motto is a reflection of his single-minded devotion to his priestly vow of service to God and His people.
Bishop Dattilo at his Episcopal Ordination with then-Archbishop Bevilacqua and then-Archbishop Keeler, January 26, 1990
BISHOP NICHOLAS C. DATTILO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As a tribute to the lifelong ministry and service of Bishop Dattilo to the Church, Saint Vincent Seminary is pleased to announce the establishment of The Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo Memorial Scholarship Fund at Saint Vincent Seminary. The memorial scholarship will be used to assist seminarians who have financial need and to provide help with the formation and education of seminarians from dioceses with limited resources. The scholarship fund pays tribute to the legacy of the generous and unhesitating service which characterized Bishop Dattilo’s years of priestly and episcopal ministry. The fund will enable Saint Vincent Seminary to provide help to those who will serve the Church and pass on the teachings of our Catholic faith to future generations.

BISHOP DATTILO: THE LEGACY

Born March 8, 1932, the oldest of the six children of Frank and Emma Dattilo, Nicholas Carmen Dattilo showed an early interest in service to God when he became an altar boy at the age of six. His desire to serve the People of God grew stronger over the years. He entered Saint Fidelis Seminary in Herman, Pennsylvania, in 1946 and then went on to Saint Vincent Seminary in 1952, before going to Saint Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. On May 31, 1958, Nicholas Dattilo was ordained to the priesthood by Pittsburgh Bishop John Dearden. His mother provided her son with clear instructions: “If you’re inclined to be a priest, be a good one.”

Over the course of the next 27 years, Father Dattilo served in parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including an assignment as pastor of Saint Vitus Parish in his hometown of New Castle from 1981 to 1985. In 1985, Father Dattilo was named the Pittsburgh Diocese’s Secretary for Clergy and Pastoral Life. Two years later, he was named Vicar General and General Secretary. In November of 1989, Cardinal Pio Laghi, then the papal nuncio to the United States, telephoned Father Dattilo to tell him that Pope John Paul II had selected him to be the eighth Bishop of Harrisburg. A crowd of 1500 attended his ordination and installation mass at Saint Patrick Cathedral on January 26, 1990.
Father Dattilo at his First Mass
Saint Lucy Parish, New Castle

The Bishop “high-fives” a youthful flock

Bishop Dattilo: Encouraging the Future
Ever humble, but eager to serve, Bishop Dattilo quoted Saint Augustine in his first address as a new bishop:

What I am FOR you terrifies me;
What I am WITH you consoles me.
FOR you I am a bishop;
WITH you I am a Christian.
The first is a duty accepted,
the second a grace received.
The former is a danger,
the latter, salvation.
Since it is a greater joy to me
to be redeemed with you than
to be placed over you, I shall,
as the Lord commanded, be
more completely your servant.

And with these words, he began his episcopal service as Chief Shepherd of the People of God in the Diocese of Harrisburg. During the next 14 years of his life, Bishop Dattilo accomplished many important tasks. He was a leader in the protection of children. He completed a challenging parish reorganization process. He constructed the Cardinal Keeler Center and the Priests’ Retirement Residence. And he began the renovation of St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

As Bishop of Harrisburg, Bishop Dattilo served as president of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and as co-chair of the Pennsylvania Conference on Interchurch Cooperation. He was a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ administrative committee and committee on priestly life.

In his role as Vice Chairman of the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents, he made a point to frequently visit his alma mater.

For his motto as Bishop of Harrisburg, Bishop Dattilo chose the simple phrase: Love, Life and Do Good. During his 72 years on this earth, he showed us all how to do exactly that – by his example. Your prayers and support for the Bishop Nicholas Dattilo Memorial Scholarship Fund will enable Saint Vincent Seminary to carry on his legacy of priestly ministry and service to the People of God.