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My Dear Faithful,

Much has gone on here at St. Gertrude the Great since the end of April last year and I am edified at how well you have accepted it all, the joys as well as the sorrows. You have been most helpful and encouraging in the midst of so many big changes. There is, however, one more piece of news that I must share with you. Many people throughout the world have been expecting it to be done eventually so it may not come as a surprise to you.

I intend to consecrate Father Bede Nkamuke to the Episcopacy at St. Gertrude the Great Church on Monday, May 1st, 2023, the feast of the Apostles Philip and James. The ceremony will take place at 10:00 AM.

This consecration is necessary for many reasons. First, Father takes care of eighteen missions and is rector of a seminary. Secondly, it is not safe for another bishop to go to Nigeria. His being raised to the episcopacy will, I truly hope, cause much growth in the Nigerian missions and will be a major benefit to the international apostolate that we run here at St. Gertrude the Great.

I ask your fervent prayers for our Bishop-Elect, Father Nkamuke, as well as for your clergy and bishops both here and throughout the world.

In Jesus and Mary,

*+ Charles J. McGuire*

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