BISHOP-ELECT THOMAS ROBERT ZINKULA DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

Episcopal Ordination and Installation as the ninth Bishop of Davenport:

Thursday, June 22, 2:00 pm St. John Vianney Church Bettendorf, Iowa

"It will be a humble privilege and honor
to serve you as your next bishop.
I look forward to walking with you deeper
and deeper into the mystery of God and entering
more and more fully into his kingdom.
Let's pray for one another
and for the Diocese of Davenport."
— Bishop-elect Thomas Robert Zinkula



Bishop-elect Thomas Robert Zinkula was born April 19, 1957, in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics/

business from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, where he lettered in football and in 2009 was inducted into Cornell's athletic hall of fame. He worked as an actuary in the insurance industry before entering law school at the University of Iowa. He was the managing editor of the Iowa Law Review, and after earning his degree in 1983, practiced law in Cedar Rapids. While working as an attorney, he felt a strong call to the priesthood. He then attended Theological College in Washington, D.C., and received a master's degree in theology from The Catholic University of America in 1990. In 1998 he received a licentiate in canon law from St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1990, for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. His assignments after ordination included assistant pastor at St. Columbkille, Dubuque, 1990–1993; assistant pastor at Joseph the Worker, Dubuque, 1993–1996; student of canon law at St. Paul University in Ottawa, 1996–1998; pastor of St. Joseph in Rickardsville and sacramental priest for the parishes of St. Francis in Balltown and Ss. Peter and Paul in Sherill, 1998-2002; judge at the Archdiocesan Tribunal, 1998–2000; judicial vicar, 2000–2010; pastor of Holy Ghost, Dubuque, 2005–2011; episcopal vicar for the region of Cedar Rapids, 2012–2014; and rector of St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque, 2014–present.

Pope Francis named Msgr. Zinkula as Bishop of Davenport on April 19, 2017.

The people of the Diocese of Davenport welcome Bishop Zinkula and join him in prayer with all the faithful as they work together united in faith, hope, and charity.

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