



# The National Black Catholic Congress

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## The National Black Catholic Congress Announces a New President

BALTIMORE, MD -- The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) is pleased to announce the election of the Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr. as its next President. Bishop Campbell was elected by the Black Bishops of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). He succeeds the Most Reverend John Ricard who will remain active in the NBCC as its Immediate Past President. The change in leadership will become effective on April 1, 2019.

Although the first five gatherings of Black Catholics were convened from 1889 to 1894, these events inspired the creation of the NBCC in 1985 and rekindled the commitment to gather Black Catholics once more, with Congresses occurring every five years since that time. Under the direction of Bishop Ricard, who has long provided leadership, administrative and financial oversight, the NBCC has grown in its ability to assist Black Catholics and Black Catholic Organizations in their mission to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

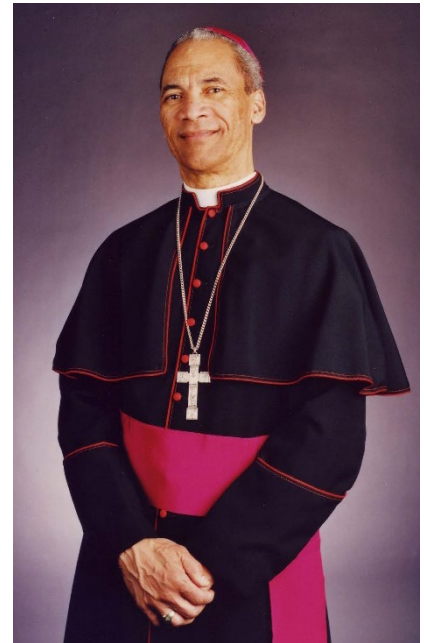


Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

For more information about Bishop Roy Campbell, Jr. click [here](#).

Bishop Campbell, born in Charles County, MD in 1947 and raised in Washington, DC, was ordained a Catholic priest in 2007 for the Archdiocese of Washington. He was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington by Pope Francis and ordained a bishop in 2017. He is currently a member of the USCCB Subcommittee on African American Catholics.

Bishop Ricard, the retired Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee and currently the Rector of the Josephite Seminary in Washington, DC, will work closely with Bishop Campbell in his new role. Bishop Ricard continues to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to assist the Congress in its mission.



Most Rev. John H. Ricard, SSJ

We greatly appreciate the many years of dedicated service Bishop Ricard has given to our community, and we ask you to please join us as we welcome Bishop Roy Campbell, Jr, as the new President of the National Black Catholic Congress.

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