

October 12, 2006

Statement from Bishop Richard Lennon

Re: Bishop Amos---New Assignment

Today...Thursday, October 12, 2006...His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI announced the appointment of The Most Rev. Martin J. Amos, Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Cleveland, as the new Bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Davenport, Iowa.

Bishop Amos will become the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport which was established in 1881 and contains more than 105,650 Catholics and 84 parishes throughout the southeast section of the state. His installation is scheduled for Monday, November 20th.

A native Clevelander, Bishop Amos was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1968 and was ordained a Bishop in the Diocese of Cleveland on June 7, 2001 where his duties have focused on special care of the southern districts of the Diocese, maintaining an office in Akron.

In response to the announcement from the Holy See, Cleveland Bishop Richard Lennon has asked everyone: "Please join with me in thanking God for the gifts of Bishop Martin Amos as bishop and priest of the Diocese of Cleveland for the past 38 years. Also, Let us pray for God's blessings upon him as he will soon begin this new ministry."

A Mass of Thanksgiving and farewell is scheduled for St. John Cathedral in Cleveland on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.

All are welcome.