

FROM

**BENEDICT, BISHOP [of Rome]**

**SERVANT of the SERVANTS of GOD,**

To our beloved son

**EAMON MARTIN**

until now Diocesan Administrator of Derry, and appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Armagh,

with greetings and our Apostolic Blessing.

Our Venerable Brother, Seán Baptist Brady, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church and Pastor of the ancient and illustrious See of Armagh, has recently made an earnest request for the assistance of a Coadjutor Bishop to share the burden of his duties and responsibilities.

With genuine concern for the good of all the Churches, and for their respective Pastors, and anxious to accede to the request of his Eminence, having listened to the advice of the Congregation for Bishops, We consider you suitable to discharge this office, beloved son, endowed as you are with proven gifts and being thoroughly well versed in ecclesiastical matters.

Therefore, by virtue of our Supreme Apostolic Authority We nominate you as Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh, with all the rights and obligations associated with that office according to law and to the dignity of Archbishop.

**We grant you permission to receive Ordination from any Catholic Bishop outside Rome, in keeping with the liturgical norms, and having first made the Catholic profession of faith, together with the oath of fidelity to Us and to our Successors according to the sacred canons.**

**In addition, We direct that this Letter be brought to the attention of the very dearly beloved clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese, and We encourage them to accord you due respect.**

**Finally, beloved son, see to it that you fulfil the office entrusted to you, united in fraternal charity with the dedicated Archbishop of Armagh, as well as exerting all your own energies, but trusting especially in the help of God who cares for each one of us with a faithful and everlasting love.**

**May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, also accompany you with her intercession from heaven.**

**Given at Saint Peter's, Rome on the eighteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, the eighth year of our Pontificate.**

**[Signed ] Benedict XVI**