



Office of the Bishop
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Reverend Stephan Höne
Pastor
Catholic Parish of Saint Johannis
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Dear Father Höne,

All good greetings in the Lord! As bishop of the Diocese of Toledo in Ohio, I am delighted that my parishioners, pilgrims from St. John the Baptist Parish in Glandorf, Ohio, which was founded by Catholics who immigrated from Glandorf, Germany, can visit with you, engage their own historical heritage, and with this letter hand deliver my personal greetings.

What a gift that our parish of St. John the Baptist Parish in Glandorf, Ohio was founded by Catholics from Glandorf, Germany! Our parish in Glandorf, Ohio completed and dedicated its first church in 1837. As representative members of the faithful from our Village of Glandorf visit with you, on behalf of the diocese of Toledo, I extend to you through our pilgrims our good will and warm prayerful good wishes as your community celebrates 950 years since its founding. Do extend these prayerful good wishes to your own parishioners and to all the people of Glandorf, Germany.

I join you and all the parishioners of the parish in thanking the Lord for the many blessings he has showered upon the parish throughout these centuries and in praying for the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit. With you, I am mindful of the many Priests, Deacons and Consecrated Religious who have offered generous and dedicated service to the Catholic Parish of Saint Johannis throughout its rich history. May our Lord reward them for their goodness and grant an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life from the parish.

The parish has likewise been blessed with the wonderful example and generous participation of so many of the lay faithful over time. I pray that in His goodness the Lord will keep them strong in faith, firm in hope and rooted in love.

Please be assured that your entire community will have a special remembrance in my Masses and prayers as you mark this significant anniversary. Through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, may Almighty God bless you, all the parishioners of Saint Johannis and all of the good people of Glandorf, Germany.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo