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### **Bishop Paul J. Bradley Statement on appointment of Msgr. Gerald Vincke as Bishop of Salina, Kansas**

**(KALAMAZOO, Mich., June 15, 2018):** Bishop Bradley released the following statement on the announcement of the appointment of Msgr. Gerald Vincke, a priest for the Diocese of Lansing, as Bishop of Salina, Kansas.

“On behalf of the entire Church of Kalamazoo----the clergy, religious and lay faithful---we rejoice in the appointment of Diocese of Lansing priest, Msgr. Gerald Vincke as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Salina, Kansas.

“Bishop-elect Vincke’s spiritual, academic and pastoral gifts will be a blessing to the faithful people in the Diocese of Salina. As a priest who has served in our neighboring Diocese of Lansing, I have come to know Bishop-elect Vincke as a gifted, happy and loving priest. May God bless Bishop-elect Vincke as he prepares for this major new calling.”

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