

## **Bishop Kevin Offers Condolences After the Death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia**

We embrace our siblings in Christ in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Glasgow who grieve the death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

From Bishop Kevin:

"We are all saddened to hear of the sudden death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia. He has been a committed ecumenical friend and will be greatly missed by all in the City of Glasgow.

"Please pray for our Roman Catholic friends as they mourn and may Archbishop Philip rest in peace and rise in glory."

From the website of the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

It is with the greatest sorrow that we announce the death of our Archbishop.

The Archbishop of Glasgow, Philip Tartaglia, has died suddenly at his home in Glasgow. He was 70 years old.

Archbishop Tartaglia, who had served as Archbishop of Glasgow since 2012, had tested positive for COVID 19 shortly after Christmas and was self-isolating at home. The cause of death is not yet clear.

The Archbishop had served as leader of Scotland's largest Catholic community since 2012.

The Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti has been informed.

It will be for Pope Francis to appoint a new Archbishop to succeed Archbishop Tartaglia, but until then the Archdiocese will be overseen by an administrator.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Philip, for his family and friends and people of the Archdiocese.

Philip Tartaglia was born at Glasgow on 11th January 1951. He is the eldest son of Guido and Annita Tartaglia and had three brothers and five sisters. After his primary schooling at St. Thomas', Riddrie, he began his secondary education at St. Mungo's Academy, Glasgow, before moving to the national junior seminary at St. Vincent's College, Langbank and, later, St. Mary's College, Blairs, Aberdeen. His ecclesiastical studies were completed at the Pontifical Scots College, and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained Priest by then-Archbishop Thomas Winning in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Dennistoun on 30th June 1975. He then returned to Rome to study for his Doctorate in Sacred Theology.

On completing his Doctorate in 1980, he was appointed assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardonald, while at the same time becoming visiting lecturer at St. Peter's College, Newlands, Glasgow.

A year later, he was appointed Lecturer at St. Peter's College, Newlands, becoming Director of Studies in 1983. When Chesters College, Bearsden, opened in 1985 he was made Vice-Rector. In 1987 he was appointed Rector.

He served as Rector until 1993 when he was appointed to St. Patrick's, Dumbarton, as Assistant Priest before being appointed Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Duntocher in 1995. In 2004, the Bishops' Conference appointed him Rector of the Pontifical Scots College, Rome.

On 13th September 2005, Pope Benedict XVI nominated him Bishop of Paisley. On 20 November 2005, he was ordained Bishop in St Mirin's Cathedral by Archbishop Mario Conti who he was to succeed as Archbishop of Glasgow

On 24 July 2012, Bishop Tartaglia was appointed Archbishop of Glasgow and was installed at St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday 8 September 2012, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He died on 13 January 2021, the Feast of St Mungo, the Patron Saint of Glasgow.