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The Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland, Announces Retirement

BALTIMORE – In accordance with the canons and constitutions of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Maryland, the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff, 13th bishop of Maryland, has announced his intent to retire effective April 10, 2007. He has served as bishop of Maryland for 12 years.

In a letter to the clergy and lay members of the diocese, Bishop Ihloff stated, “I am blessed with good health and considerable energy. There are many days when I feel I’d like to postpone the decision about retirement just a little longer. I enjoy what I do among you and feel much fulfilled in my vocation. Yet, I know in my heart this is a good decision and timely.”

He went on to explain his reasons for choosing to retire at the age of 65. “Having been ordained almost 40 years, serving God in the Church has been my first priority. I wish to continue to serve God by allotting a much greater portion of my time to family. I also hope to teach and write.”

The date of April 10 was chosen because it is the Tuesday after Easter, and will allow Bishop Ihloff to celebrate the Easter Vigil service at St. John’s Parish, Hagerstown, and the Easter Day service at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland is a Christian community of 23,000 households in 117 congregations covering 10 counties and Baltimore City. Please visit www.ang-md.org for more information, including Bishop Ihloff’s biography.

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Editor’s Note: Photographs are available upon request or on the Web site.

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