

NOVENA PRAYER *for*  
BISHOP-ELECT JEFFREY J. WALSH

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*O God, eternal and loving Shepherd,  
we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant,  
Bishop-elect Jeffrey J. Walsh, to our Diocese of Gaylord.*

*May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and  
fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that he may gently  
and courageously sanctify, teach and govern the Church of  
Gaylord as we work together building up the kingdom of heaven.*

*May he be a shepherd after your own heart,  
who with compassion and wise discernment will care for and lead  
your people with the joy of the Gospel.*

*May his example remind us of what it means to be Christ's heart  
of mercy, voice of hope to the hopeless, and hands of justice.*

*In your faithfulness and love, bless us all in this time of  
transition and change. We pray for renewed zeal for the Church  
of Gaylord to be a light to the world.*

*We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Our Father ...*

*Hail Mary ...*

*Glory Be ...*

