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The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications issues the following statement from Bishop David J. Walkowiak welcoming Bishop Robert D. Gruss as the 7<sup>th</sup> bishop of Saginaw:

"I extend a heartfelt Michigan welcome to Bishop Gruss as he begins his episcopacy as the 7<sup>th</sup> bishop of Saginaw. Bishop Gruss' pastoral spirit joined with his background of leadership and service will be a great blessing to the faithful of Saginaw entrusted to his care. My prayers, along with those of the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, accompany him as he begins his ministry in the Diocese of Saginaw."

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