



# Bishop is administrator, outdoorsman

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Bishop Paul D. Etienne, a beloved-pastor who has served the Church with sincerity and commitment, brings with him a strong devotion to the Gospel and a background which will strengthen and complement the diocese in many ways.

Those who have worked with Bishop Etienne have come to recognize his deep spirituality and desire to help others grow in their understanding of God's love.

Most Reverend Daniel Buechlein, Archbishop of Indianapolis, who has served the diocese for 10 years, has come to know Bishop Etienne well.

"I would say the Church in Indianapolis is giving the Church in Wyoming a great gift, and I don't think it will take too long before they know that themselves," the archbishop said.

Archbishop Buechlein has come to regard the new bishop as "one of the most highly respected priests" in Indiana. "He is a very humble and holy man, and he is respected as such by our priests," he said.

During Bishop Etienne's 17 years of service to the diocese,



Bishop-elect Paul D. Etienne distributes Holy Communion to a young member of St. Paul parish in Tell City, Indiana. The parish was holding a 150th anniversary celebration, Nov. 1. Photos courtesy Sean Gallagher, The Criterion

he has been a pastor, a vocations director, vice-rector of Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary, and spiritual director of St. Meinrad School of Theology. He

has also served on boards and has even given a day of recollection for the priests in Indianapolis.

"Bishop Etienne is a man who is willing to sacrifice and work hard as

a pastor," the archbishop said.

"I hope that he is well supported by the priests of the diocese, that he will be as beloved there as he has

been here, and that people will help him become a good bishop."

Father Robert J. Robeson and Father Joseph Moriarty are among the many priests who have

come to know and appreciate the gifts Bishop Etienne has brought to the Church.

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis and Bishop-elect Etienne, share a meaningful moment during the 150th anniversary celebration of St. Paul parish in Tell City, Indiana. Bishop-elect Etienne had served as the pastor of St. Paul only a short time before being appointed bishop of Cheyenne.



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Bishop-elect Etienne lead the closing procession at the 150th anniversary celebration of St. Paul parish in Tell City, Indiana, Nov. 1.