

# The Old Catholic Communion

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about<sup>3</sup> these things. Philippians 4:8

November 12, 2024

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe  
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church  
815 2nd Ave,  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Bishop Rowe,

We, the Diocesan Bishops of the Old Catholic Communion (OCC), send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice at your election as the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

As fellow members of the Body of Christ, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you as you set your hand to this important ministry. We, too, recognize that society is in the midst of significant change. As you have noted, the Church must be nimble and find new ways to minister and adapt to these changes. May God grant you the prophetic insight needed as you strive to navigate the Episcopal Church through uncharted waters.

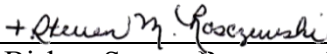
We wish to share with you that the Bishops of the OCC take our Old Catholic heritage seriously. For many years, our Bishops and clergy have dedicated themselves to studying Old Catholicism and have completed the Old Catholic studies offered through the University of Utrecht. Each of us affirms and subscribes to the Declaration of Utrecht. We recognize the importance of the Bonn Agreement that began the relationship between the Old Catholics and the Anglican Communion.

Given our understanding of our Old Catholic ecclesiology, we must always seek collegiality and cooperation wherever and in whenever it can be found. We welcome any opportunity to share worship, witness, and service.


Again, we extend our heartfelt wishes to you!

  
Bishop Michael Scalzi, Bishop Chair

  
Bishop Martin Shanahan

  
Bishop Steven Roszczewski

  
Bishop Gordon Barcalow

  
Bishop Dewayne Messenger