



It is with humble joy that I accept this new role of Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation for the Diocese of Nashville. I want to thank Bishop Spalding for his trust in me as I take on the mission of supporting his efforts in the education and formation of both clergy and laity here in the diocese. I believe, as does Bishop Spalding, that Catholic education is an essential ministry of our Church, and I am grateful to be part of the efforts to continue to expand opportunities for our families throughout the Nashville Diocese.

May our Lord continue to shower His blessings on all our Catholic schools, faculties and staffs, families, and students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. R. Gilstrap". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Very Reverend Austin R. Gilstrap
Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation