

Installation Mass & Welcome Reception

The Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, Bishop of Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, celebrated Mass with the JPII community on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. The JPII Broken and Shared choir and the JPII Choir led the congregation in song. The music was beautiful, the student volunteers wonderful, and the support shown by the attendees, outstanding. Dr. Hollis spoke briefly, commenting on his few months at JPII and the warmth and welcome he has received from all of our families, students, faculty/staff, constituents, regional Catholic communities, and the greater Huntsville/Madison County community. He said, *"Grounding this new reality is the JPII community that has authored and lived the school's foundational mission. This is the community from which I am learning, appreciating, and making my own...a community that has already been unparalleled in hospitality and spirit."* In addition, Dr. Hollis remarked on the four pillars of JPII, Spirituality, Academics, Athletics, and Fine Arts, noting, *"They are majestic in their simplicity. They are non-negotiable. They are a quartet: echoing a symphony of growth and learning, development and erudition."* He closed his remarks so eloquently stating, *"This is my new ministry. This, my new home."*

