



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM of Lorain County

February 1, 2019 ▪ 11:30am -1:00pm



Most Reverend Nelson Perez, Bishop of Cleveland

Nelson J. Perez was born in Miami, Florida, on June 16, 1961 to David and Emma Perez and is the brother of the late Dr. David Perez and Louis Martin Perez. He was raised in West New York, NJ. He taught at Colegio la Piedad, a Catholic elementary school in Puerto Rico, prior to entering Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, where he earned Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology degrees in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

Bishop Perez's first assignment after ordination to the priesthood was as parochial vicar of Saint Ambrose Parish, Philadelphia (1989-1993). He also served as assistant director of the Office for Hispanic Catholics (1990-1993), founding director of the Catholic Institute for Evangelization (1993-2002), Pastor of Saint William Parish, Philadelphia (2002-2009), and Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, West Chester, PA (2009-2012).

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Reverend Monsignor Nelson J. Perez Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in New York and was ordained a bishop on July 25, 2012. As Auxiliary Bishop, he served as Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Vicariate, representing the Diocesan Ordinary and overseeing sixty-six parishes. Bishop Perez served as the Episcopal Vicar for Hispanic Ministry, overseeing fifty-four parishes with pastoral ministry to Hispanics; Formation Programs, and Ecclesial Movements.

A kind, joyous, and hard-working person, Bishop Perez enriches those ministries and people entrusted to his care.

Lorain County Community College

Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio

Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am ▪ Speaker: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

\$18.00 per reservation

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6:00 pm, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019!

(cancellations are also due then or you will be charged). You can pay at the door or mail your \$18 check to:

First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035

or call the reservation line at **440-244-0643** or e-mail fflorain@gmail.com

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