



# The First Friday Club of Cleveland

Thursday, November 30, 2017

## Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez Bishop, Diocese 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. Bishop Perez earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Montclair State University in 1983. 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, Pastor of Saint William Parish, Philadelphia, and Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, West Chester, PA.

His work in education included teaching courses in psychology and religious studies at LaSalle University, Philadelphia (1994-2008). Bishop Perez also taught Developmental Psychology at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary (Fall, 2011), in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In 1998, he was named Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor. In 2009, he was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope Benedict XVI.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Reverend Monsignor Nelson J. Perez Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in New York on June 8, 2012. He was ordained a bishop on July 25, 2012 in Saint Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY by Bishop William F. Murphy.

A kind, joyous, and hard-working person, Bishop Perez enriches those ministries and people entrusted to his care. Rooted in Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel", Bishop Perez's pastoral vision can be summarized as: "Church on Mission: Proactive, Involved, Supportive, Fruitful, and Joyful."

**Location**  
The City Club of Cleveland  
850 Euclid Ave, 2nd Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**  
Registration opens at 11:15 AM  
Presentation starts at 12:00 PM

**Officers**  
Bishop Roger Gries, OSB  
Spiritual Moderator

Greg Spielman  
President

Mary Sawyer  
Administrative Manager

**Cost**  
\$25.00 per person  
\$250.00 Table of 10

**Seating is limited.**  
Please reserve your seat as soon as possible. Reservations will not be held until payment is received.

See payment details below  
Please call 216.589.9852 with any questions

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Mail the registration form, including payment (check made payable to The First Friday Club of Cleveland), to the address at the bottom or Fax the attached registration form, including payment, to 216-696-2582.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a table host: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If you will be seated at a sponsored table, please provide the name of your host: \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_ @ \$25; \_\_\_ table of 10 guests @ \$250) or  
Charge my Visa / MasterCard / American Express \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Option 2: Through a special arrangement between The City Club and The Metropolitan at the 9 (2017 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115), guests are able to take advantage of a \$10 valet rate. To take advantage, tell the valet you are attending an event at The City Club. Once at The City Club, pick up a blue ticket from the reception desk. Present this ticket to the valet upon claiming your car. This option is available to those who park at or later than 11:01 and pick up their vehicle before 2:29 pm.