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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

The shortest month of the year was not half over when our Lent began on February 13th. Lent, too, always seems short, and to pass so quickly. This year at St. Gertrude the Great we are trying to make our Lent count by making it with St. Thérèse of Lisieux. We need a short and secure, a manageable, way to Heaven. It is her Little Way of Spiritual Childhood. Join us for Masses and Sermons almost daily on this theme at www.sgg.org, and find our weekly Lenten devotional leaflet included as part of the downloadable Bulletin. You can also find a Little Flower Day of Recollection at traditionalcatholicsermons.org.

Since Lent, and life, passes so quickly, it behooves us to make the most of the means at our disposal. Thus, Fr. Cekada has been working since last summer on what we're calling **SGGResources.org**. This new Internet portal represents a reorganization and simplified presentation of all that is available from the Fathers at St. Gertrude the Great: you will find links not only to this national newsletter and our parish bulletin (a kind of weekly online magazine) but also to Masses, sermons, seminary information, and articles on the great issues of the day. Finally, Fr. Cekada is offering videos as well about his book *Work of Human Hands*, and thus about the New Mass itself.

In addition to Catholic truth, we aim as well to encourage traditional piety. Through **SGGResources.org**, you may request a Mass, enroll the living or deceased in our Purgatorian Society, and even sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp or light a votive candle for your intentions.

Needless to say, this webpage also facilitates donations via PayPal or by credit card to support our daily school Mass, the Bishop's Apostolate, as well as our Catholic work in general. Useful booklets and our traditional All Saints Calendar are also available here.

I invite you to visit this site, and make its riches your own, even as you give of yours to promote and preserve the precious jewel of our unchanged Catholic Faith.

These are "interesting times" for the true Catholic Church, as the false modernist version self-destructs in the media before our eyes, weighed down by its scandals and heresies. The world is watching for awhile.



The beginning of Lent was marked at St. Gertrude the Great Church with the blessing of ashes and a solemn high Mass. (Above) Bishop Dolan imposes ashes on Father Lehtoranta prior to the distribution of ashes to the other clergy and faithful.

Let us get the truth out during this unique period of grace. Please accept my invitation to our new Resources page. I pray it will be an incentive and encouragement to you.

But most of all, let us pray. During these tragic but still possibility-filled days for the Catholic Church, be spiritually united with us in following the Holy Mass and our many prayers and devotions. In particular, let us pray to St. Joseph during his month to bless and protect that Catholic Church of which he is the glorious and heavenly patron. We began a Novena on March 1st for this intention.

May St. Joseph deign to bless and protect you as well, and keep you a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother.

– **Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan**





Father Stephen McKenna celebrated his first anniversary of ordination to the priesthood by offering a solemn high Mass at St. Gertrude the Great Church in West Chester, Ohio on February 11th. (Above) Father is flanked by Bishop Dolan, his ordaining bishop, brother priests, and acolytes for a commemorative photograph.



The faithful of St. Gertrude the Great were able to receive ashes at one of the several different services conducted. (Above) Father Lehtoranta, assisted by Fathers McKenna and Hecquard, imposes ashes on those who attended the solemn high Mass that was sung by our school's students.



(Above) St. Gertrude the Great Church's annual Children's Lenten Day of Recollection took place on February 27th and was well attended again this year. The children had the good fortune of having the wise counsel of Bishop Dolan and three of our young priests, Fathers McGuire, Lehtoranta, and McKenna. The day's activities included spiritual conferences, examination of conscience, holy Mass with sermon, a complimentary hot lunch, a story for the younger crowd, Stations of the Cross, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Easter Novena of Masses

Remember your loved ones during Easter Week in a *Novena of Masses* beginning **Easter Sunday, March 31st**, at St. Gertrude the Great Church.

Please use the enclosed envelope to list your intentions.