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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

I pray your Paschaltide continues full of joy and spiritual blessings. If you pass these blessed days of May with Our Lady, it is sure to be so. You know you are in our prayers here, our daily high Masses, and the Litany of Our Lady our children sing for May Devotions each afternoon. At the beginning of the month, we offered a solemn high Mass to honor good St. Joseph on his Easter season Solemnity, beseeching him to protect the Catholic Church which is confided to his patronage.

To the eyes of the world, in the judgment as well of the “Recognize and Resist” people, the many “conservative Catholics,” the Church is just about finished, with a socialist dictator at the top, whose latest project is to destroy the sacrament of matrimony. But the gates of hell have *not* prevailed, nor will they. Now if Bergoglio *were* pope, they certainly would have! Thank you for helping us get this message out loud and clear.

We know that we cannot assist at Masses offered in union with Francis, a true heretic and false pope. This obligation is an objective one, based on theological truth, regardless of personal feeling or the inevitable sacrifices such a truth entails. Still, it is most gratifying for us here in West Chester, Ohio, USA to be able to share the treasure of the Sacred Liturgy, offered with all possible reverence and devotion, with visitors from far and wide, as well as with Catholics through the world via the Internet.

Our welcome visitors this Easter included Catholics from Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, North Dakota, Kentucky and Florida. Many came from a great distance and with sacrifice to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

You will find some photos of Holy Week in this bulletin, but I wanted to share with you as well an encouraging letter from one of our virtual faithful:

“Your Excellency, Please accept my Easter Offering with gratitude and praise for your offering of the Triduum



Holy Week at St. Gertrude the Great Church was observed with the usual solemnity. Pictured above is Bishop Dolan as he sprinkles water to the four corners of the earth during Holy Saturday's blessing of the baptismal font. The morning's ceremonies concluded with the first Mass of Easter.

and Easter Sunday Mass(es) to your Internet parishioners. I have no doubt that others have shared with you how absolutely beautiful it all was; your clergy, choir, altar boys, the many behind-the-scenes parishioners, and oh yes, even your M.C. I wish to add my joyous refrain to theirs. I have not participated in nor witnessed a more stunning Holy Week in my life. Not surprising, though, St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church in West Chester, in my mind, has become the standard of all that is excellent and beautiful in a truly Roman Catholic parish. Best wishes for continued Easter blessings and joy.”

Please do keep in your prayers our priests, servers, choir, and so many helpers who make these beautiful Holy Masses possible.

Yours in Our Lady,

– Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan



(Top to bottom left) Some of our Holy Week ceremonies: Maundy Thursday's Stripping of the Altar, Good Friday's Mass of the Presanctified (suppressed under the influence Modernist architects of the New Mass), the exposed relic of the True Cross during Good Friday's Tre Ore observance, and the triple candle is lit during Holy Saturday's entrance into the church following the blessing of the new fire. (Above bottom to top) On Good Shepherd Sunday our school students performed their annual spring program following the last morning Mass of the day. It featured American cowboy music, a smattering of poetry in honor of our Blessed Mother, and even a few piano pieces by some of our talented students. On Mother's Day our customary May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady took place. Once again we were blessed with fine weather and an impressive turnout for that morning's ceremonies.



REMEMBER YOUR FATHER,
LIVING OR DECEASED,
AT THE SPECIAL HIGH MASS
ON FATHER'S DAY,
SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017.

Please complete the enclosed special envelope and return it to us. I will be placed on the altar.