

## **Media invitation: Dramatization of the Passion of Christ through streets of Paterson**

Join Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney of the Diocese of Paterson and the faith community of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on Good Friday, March 29, 2024, for a dramatic and prayerful reenactment of the Passion of Christ through the streets of Paterson.

Thousands are expected to walk with Jesus in this bilingual Stations of the Cross journey, known as Via Crucis or Way of the Cross. The faithful will participate in a dramatic spiritual journey in which they recall the suffering of Christ and the redemption of the world through the Cross. Actors portray Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death.

**“We can know intellectually that Jesus suffered and died because He loves us and forgives us for our sins, but to ‘see’ and feel all that he endured engages us at the level of the heart and on an emotional level.” – Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, leader of the Diocese of Paterson**

This event provides numerous photo and video opportunities to commemorate Holy Week and the season of Easter. Media will be given special access to the reenactment within a sectioned-off perimeter.

[Click here for a photo gallery and caption](#) from last year on the Diocese of Paterson's website.

**Location:** The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist: 381 Grand Street, Paterson, N.J.

**Parking:** Parking is available in the County Parking Garage on Grand Street.

### **Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – Media interview ops with actors and church leaders

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Reenactment of the Passion up to the first Station of Cross

1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – Via Crucis Stations of the Cross procession through streets of Paterson

2:45 p.m. – The procession/reenactment returns to Cathedral, where it concludes inside

3 p.m. – Good Friday, Lord's Passion service with Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney in the Cathedral