





THE MASS OF WELCOME
for

His Excellency
THE MOST REVEREND JAMES FRANCIS CHECCHIO, JCD
Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans

celebrated by

His Excellency
THE MOST REVEREND GREGORY MICHAEL AYMOND
Archbishop of New Orleans

in the presence of

His Eminence
CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

as appointed by
HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

Tuesday, the Eighteenth of November
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five
Two o'clock in the Afternoon
Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
New Orleans, Louisiana



Leo P.P. XIV

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Bishops and Archbishops of New Orleans

FIRST BISHOP

Luis Peñalver y Cárdenas
1793 - 1801

SECOND BISHOP

Louis William DuBourg, S.S.
1815 - 1826

ADMINISTRATOR

Joseph Rosati, C.M.
1826 - 1829

THIRD BISHOP

Leo Raymond de Neckère, C.M.
1829 - 1833

FOURTH BISHOP AND FIRST ARCHBISHOP

Antoine Blanc
1835 - 1850/1850 - 1860

SECOND ARCHBISHOP

Jean-Marie Odin
1861 - 1870

THIRD ARCHBISHOP

Napoléon-Joseph Perché
1870 - 1883

FOURTH ARCHBISHOP

Francis Xavier Leray
1883 - 1887

FIFTH ARCHBISHOP

Francis Janssens
1888 - 1897

SIXTH ARCHBISHOP

Placide-Louis Chapelle
1897 - 1905

SEVENTH ARCHBISHOP

James Hubert Blenk, S.M.
1906 - 1917

EIGHTH ARCHBISHOP

John William Shaw
1918 - 1934

NINTH ARCHBISHOP

Joseph Francis Rummel
1935 - 1964

TENTH ARCHBISHOP

John Patrick Cody
1964 - 1965

ELEVENTH ARCHBISHOP

Philip Matthew Hannan
1965 - 1989

TWELFTH ARCHBISHOP

Francis Bible Schulte
1989 - 2002

THIRTEENTH ARCHBISHOP

Alfred Clifton Hughes
2002 - 2009

FOURTEENTH ARCHBISHOP

Gregory Michael Aymond
2009 - Present



Coat of Arms

RECONCILIAMINI DEO

Be Reconciled to God

2 Cor 5:20

As coadjutor, Archbishop Checchio retains his personal coat of arms which reflects his heritage and his life. Upon assuming the office of Archbishop, his personal coat of arms will incorporate the design and charges (symbols) in the archdiocesan coat of arms, which is pictured on the cover.

Archbishop Checchio's personal coat of arms is composed of an azure field, the color which symbolizes the separation from the worldly values and the ascent of the soul toward God, therefore the run of the celestial virtues which raise themselves from the things of the earth toward the sky. The chevron is an heraldic device, best described as an inverted "V", and is one of the most ancient figures in Roman Catholic Church heraldry; it signifies the rafter, which holds the roof of the church, and symbolizes the concept of protection, which is the responsibility of the bishop who teaches, governs, and sanctifies. The chevron is in silver (argent), the color of transparency, also of truth and justice, which are fundamental requirements of the Bishop's pastoral service.

Under the chevron, we find a sheep debriused by a shepherd's crook to represent the ten years of forming men for the priesthood as Rector at the Pontifical North American College in Rome before his ordination as a bishop.

The shell, a symbol of St. James, recalls the name of the archbishop and that of his father, who with his mother, Helen, presented their son for baptism and raised him in the faith. The crescent moon appears on the coat of arms of the Diocese of Camden, where Archbishop Checchio was born and brought up in the Catholic faith and for whose service the archbishop was ordained a priest. Moreover, the silver crescent honors Our Blessed Mother, in her title of the Immaculate Conception; this charge also appears on the arms of the Pontifical North American College, where the archbishop was formed for the priesthood and later served as rector.

Archbishop Checchio's episcopal motto is *Reconciliamini Deo* – translated as "Be reconciled to God". Taken from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians: "So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." This motto recalls St. Paul's appeal for us to continue this central mission for which Jesus was sent by the Father.

What is a Coadjutor



The word coadjutor comes from a Latin term meaning “helper” or “assistant.” A coadjutor archbishop is a bishop appointed by the Pope to serve alongside the current archbishop in a sacred partnership. This unique role allows him to share in the leadership and pastoral care of the archdiocese while preparing to assume full responsibility in the future.

A coadjutor archbishop holds the right of succession. Upon Archbishop Aymond’s retirement, Archbishop Checchio will automatically become the fifteenth Archbishop of New Orleans. During this time of shared ministry, Archbishop Checchio will learn about the life and needs of the Archdiocese, its parishes, institutions, culture, food, and people. This period of transition provides for a seamless continuation of pastoral care and spiritual leadership, provides stability and unity for the people of God, and ensures that the new archbishop is well prepared to enter his new ministry.

Today, Archbishop Checchio formally begins his service as coadjutor through the Rite of Possession of Office. United as the Body of Christ, the Church, we call upon Christ the Good Shepherd to guide, strengthen and aid him so that his ministry may be marked by wisdom, compassion, and deep faith.

Ministers of the Liturgy

CELEBRANT

The Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Fourteenth Archbishop of New Orleans

HOMILIST

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD
Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans

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Abbot of Saint Joseph Abbey

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Mr. Jesse Reeks, *Organist*
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Ms. Mollie Pate, *French Horn*
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Mr. Robert Nunez, *Tuba*
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Order of Worship

PRELUDES

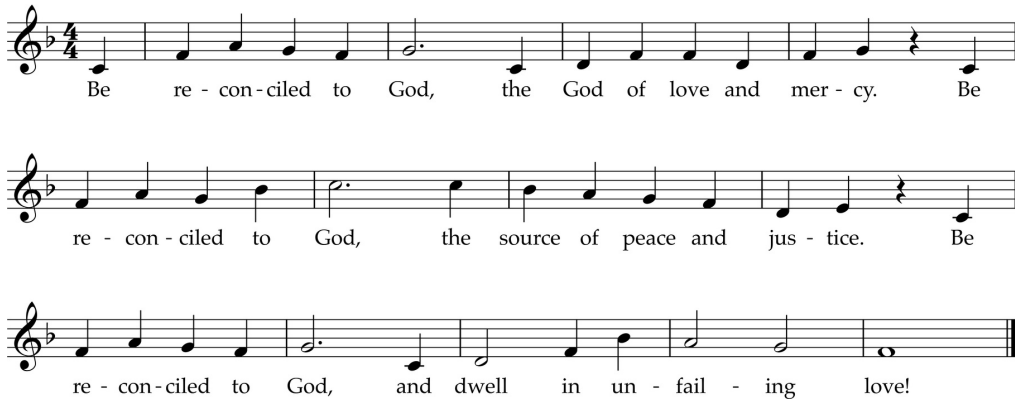
God Is
Ave Verum Corpus

INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL

Be Reconciled to God



RITE OF POSSESSION OF OFFICE

Sit.

PRESENTATION OF THE APOSTOLIC MANDATE

The Pope's personal representative to the United States reads a translation of the papal bull, through which Pope Leo XIV appoints Archbishop Checchio as coadjutor archbishop of New Orleans. This act formally announces and confirms the bishop's appointment to the clergy, religious, and lay faithful. It symbolizes that the bishop's authority comes directly from the Holy Father and that his ministry is in full communion with the universal Church.

INSPECTION OF THE APOSTOLIC MANDATE

Archbishop Checchio shows the original document to Archbishop Aymond, the college of consultors, and to all present. By showing this document to the college of consultors, the new bishop's appointment is formally authenticated.

GREETING BY ARCHDIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives of the clergy, religious and laity from throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans as well as civic officials and members of other Christian, Jewish, and Islamic communities greet Archbishop Checchio. This gesture expresses the community's joy, trust, and support as a spiritual shepherd who will guide and care for his flock in faith and unity.

Very Reverend Patrick J. Williams
Archdiocesan Priests

Reverend Matthew Clark, OSB
Religious Order Priests

Deacon Raphael Duplechain
Mrs. Carol Duplechain
Deacons and Wives

Br. Ronald Travers, SC
Br. Juan Gabriel Seiglie, OP
Sr. Alicia Costa, SSF
Religious Sisters and Brothers

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Ms. Elizabeth Rizzo
Consecrated Virgins

Mr. Juan Bosco Escrivá
Mr. Andrew Heck
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Families of the Archdiocese

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Mr. Leander Mascarenhas
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The Honorable LaToya Cantrell
Mayor of the City of New Orleans

Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick
New Orleans Police Department

The Right Reverend Shannon Duckworth
Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana

Reverend Leah Rachal
Interfaith Church Council

His Eminence Sevastianos Skordallos
Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Atlanta

Rabbi Daniel Sherman
Temple Sinai

Sheikh Yacine Bodjema
Imam of Masjid Omar

Stand.

GLORY TO GOD

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,
On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit.

FIRST READING

Job 38:1, 8-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98



The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders.
his right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. 🌀

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise. 🌀

El Señor da a conocer su victoria,
revela a las naciones su justicia:
se acordó de su misericordia y su fidelidad
en favor de la casa de Israel. 🌀

Que alaben al Señor al son del arpa
y de instrumentos musicales;
que al son de trompetas y clarines,
al Señor, que es el rey, todos aclamen. 🌀

SECOND READING

Acts 28:11-16, 30-31

Stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

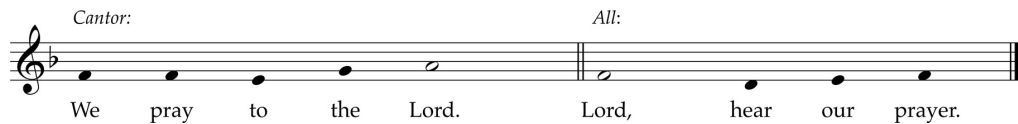
Sit.

HOMILY

Stand.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

After each intercession:



Spanish

That the wisdom of God's word will guide, inspire, and strengthen
Pope Leo, Archbishop Aymond, Archbishop Checchio,
and all who preach the Gospel. *℟*

Tagalog

That the tenderness of God's love will touch the hearts of all in civil authority,
so that all people may live in peace and unity. *℟*

Vietnamese

That the presence of God will console all who mourn,
those who are sick, lonely, imprisoned, or outcast. *℟*

Portuguese

That the Eucharist will draw us together in love, fellowship, and service. *℟*

Haitian Creole

That those who struggle to seek forgiveness and those who struggle to forgive,
may know God's great gift of reconciliation. *℟*

English

That all whom God is calling to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life,
may respond with open and generous hearts. *℟*

French

That those who suffer from storms, natural disasters, or violence,
may find protection and safety of life and property. *R*

Korean

That Archbishop Checchio's father, James,
and all who have died, may be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom
and rejoice in the presence of Christ. *R*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

All of Me

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Kneel.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: A - men. A - men. A - - - men. A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.
A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

Stand.

LAMB OF GOD

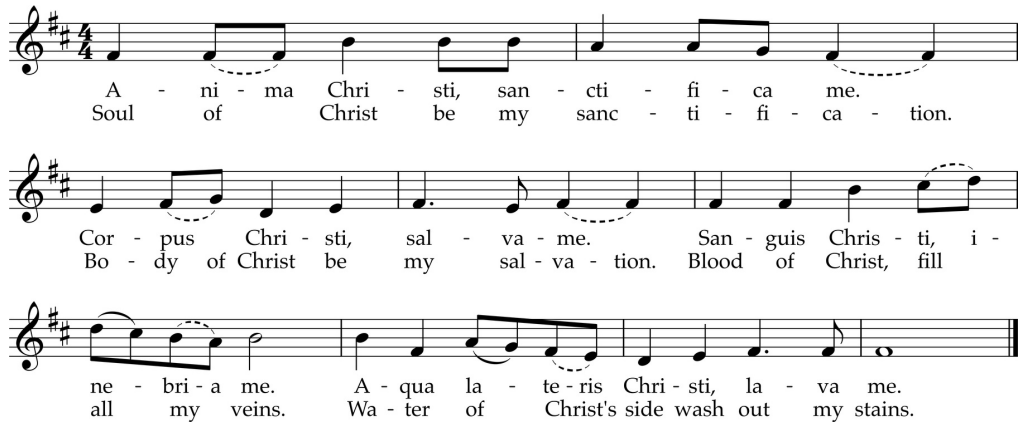
Three staves of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

Kneel.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Anima Christi

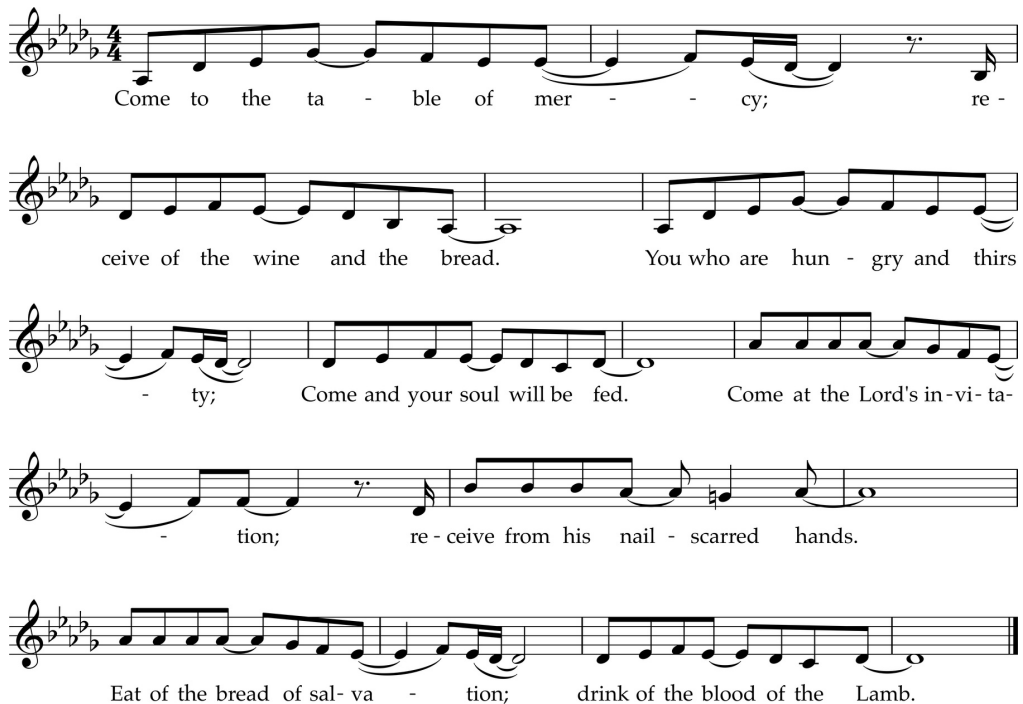


A - ni - ma Chri - sti, san - cti - fi - ca me.
Soul of Christ be my sanc - ti - fi - ca - tion.

Cor - pus Chri - sti, sal - va - me. San - guis Chris - ti, i -
Bo - dy of Christ be my sal - va - tion. Blood of Christ, fill

ne - bri - a me. A - qua la - te - ris Chri - sti, la - va me.
all my veins. Wa - ter of Christ's side wash out my stains.

Table of Mercy



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy; re -

ceive of the wine and the bread. You who are hun - gry and thirs

- ty; Come and your soul will be fed. Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta -

- tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hands.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

CONCLUDING RITES

Sit.

REMARKS

Stand.

BLESSING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit**

Presider: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: **Now and for ever.**

Presider: Our help in in the name of the Lord.

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Presider: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL

O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
 2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
 3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

And sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
 Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,
 And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

At bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.
 Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.
 We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,

We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;
 For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free;
 To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!
 And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

You're Invited

Join us at the
OLD URSULINE CONVENT
1112 CHARTRES STREET
immediately following Mass
for a reception in honor of
Archbishop James F. Checchio.

THE CONVENT IS APPROXIMATELY
A 6 MINUTE WALK FROM THE CATHEDRAL.

UPON EXITING THE CATHEDRAL,
TURN LEFT TOWARDS SAINT ANN STREET
AND CONTINUE STRAIGHT FOR 4 BLOCKS.

*Buses are available at the corner of
Chartres and Saint Ann Streets
for those who cannot walk to the convent
and will be available throughout the reception.*

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

Thank You!

We give heartfelt thanks to all who joined us in celebrating this joyous Mass of Welcome.

With deep gratitude, we welcome Archbishop Checchio
as he enters into shared ministry as our shepherd and spiritual father.

May the Lord bless his ministry among us,
and may the Holy Spirit guide him in wisdom, compassion, and faith
as he prepares to lead our archdiocesan family.

We offer our sincere gratitude:

To the Apostolic Nuncio, Christophe Cardinal Pierre,
for his presence with us, and for his fatherly care to the Church in the United States;

To the clergy, religious, and lay faithful who have gathered in prayerful unity,
representing the many parishes, schools, offices and ministries of our Archdiocese;
To the liturgical ministers and all who assisted in the preparation of this celebration;
To the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, the Archdiocesan Special Events Committee,
the Very Reverend Patrick Williams,
the rector of St. Louis Cathedral, and the cathedral staff,
whose unseen hours of preparation made this celebration possible.

The Special Events Committee

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