

PRAYER
for **RENEWAL**

**Cathedral of Saint Francis,
Metuchen, New Jersey**

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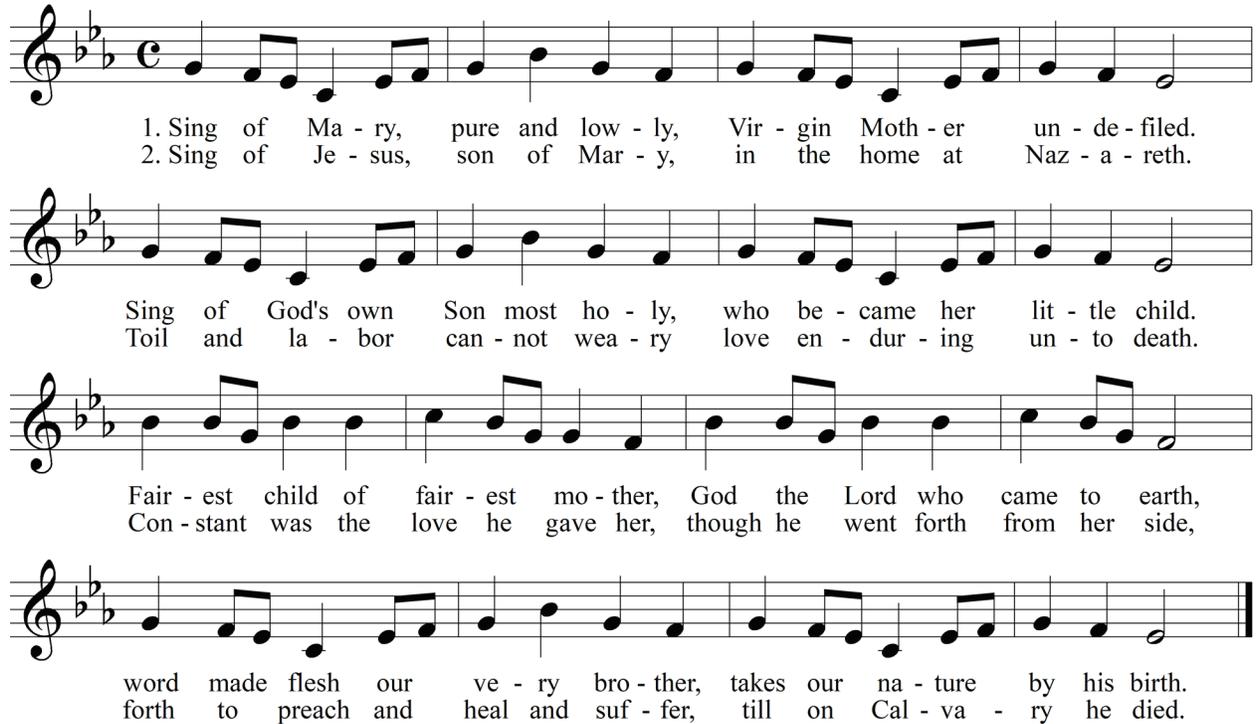
**Most Reverend James F. Checchio,
Bishop of Metuchen**

Season of **RENEWAL**

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE



1. Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin Moth - er un - de - filed.
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, in the home at Naz - a - reth.

Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle child.
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to death.

Fair - est child of fair - est mo - ther, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con - stant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side,

word made flesh our ve - ry bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.
forth to preach and heal and suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.

GREETING

APOSTLE'S CREED

Our Father . . .
Hail Mary . . .
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Glory be to the Father . . .



FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY: *The Agony in the Garden*

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY: *The Scourging at the Pillar*

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY: *The Crowning with Thorns*

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY: *The Carrying of the Cross*

FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY: *The Crucifixion*

RENEWAL OF THE ACT OF CONSECRATION

All stand and recite in unison with Bishop Checchio

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God, and Mother of the Church of Metuchen, you who were chosen by the Father from all eternity, to offer the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus Christ, as the one pleasing sacrifice back to God; and, whom that same Son, at the moment of his agony gave the Church, you as Mother for ever: listen to the prayers of your children, who cry to you, and intercede for us before your Son in heaven.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, today, we renew our consecration of ourselves to you, for you do not abandon any person who loves your Son, Jesus, but instead accompany the Christian people in true discipleship.

O most beautiful Virgin, each day we entrust ourselves, and our diocese, to your powerful intercession for you have never forsaken the prayer of faith, but constantly show to your Son the sorrows of your heart, that He may have favor towards all who turn to you.

Help us, Joyful Mother, through your example of living the Gospel, to faithfully proclaim Jesus Christ to be Savior of our lives; and lead us, by your overflowing grace, to return, with you, to the throne of your Son; where, with you as our Queen and Mother, we shall for ever enjoy fellowship with Him and all the saints.

Therefore, assist us in our prayer to the Father, that we, as the Church of Metuchen, may be renewed as missionary disciples, to set hearts on fire here in our Diocese of Metuchen so that, the world may come to know the love of Christ that will transform all people.

Mother of the Americas and Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



PROCESSIONAL

1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma - ri - a. Hail,
2. The cause of joy to all be - low, O Ma - ri - a. The
Queen of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - ri - a.
spring through which all grac - es flow, O Ma - ri - a.
Tri - umph, all ye Cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye
An - gels, all your prais - es bring; Earth and heav - en,
Ser - a - phim. Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:
with us sing; All cre - a - tion ech - o - ing:
Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Re - gi - na.

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