



April 9, 2020

Holy Thursday

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of the Diocese of St Paul,

This day of Holy Thursday is when we normally celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper during which, our priests renew their promises of ordination.

However, this is not a 'normal' year!

Since all of us are under the social distancing restrictions from a serious pandemic, we cannot physically be present at the Mass of the Last Supper or the Adoration, which follows it. We are all called to charitably sacrifice our physical presence at Mass for the good of our brothers and sisters health but we can still spiritually participate from our homes through prayer.

I invite you to pray in a special way this Holy Thursday for all our priests because like you all, they find it painful to not be able to celebrate Mass with you. However, in a special way, today is painful for them because we cannot be together for the renewal of their ordination promises.

So, please pray for your priests from your homes this Holy Thursday.

Let us ask the Good Shepherd to renew them in the sacrifice of their lives and their comfort for the service of all of you, his people.

And please pray for me, also!

In our Lord, the Good Shepherd,

+Bishop Paul Terrio