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### FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

Our Lent this year is dedicated to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Each Sunday's sermon develops this theme, often in connection with one of the Seven Last Words. Daily Mass is emphasized as *the* Lenten devotion. During the week, a sermon on the Mass of the day is preached once, sometimes twice. The Way of the Cross is made three times a week. Vespers with Benediction sanctify the afternoon hours of Sundays and feasts, and the noon hour as custom dictates, on weekdays. The school boys help with this. One of our choirs or the schola provide a daily high Mass.

In addition, a Children's Day of Recollection was offered during the second week of Lent. The different Fathers preached, gave conferences, led devotions, heard confessions and offered Mass. A special feature was a meditated Rosary, as well as a story hour for the little ones. The children kept silence during the day except for lunch. All too soon it was time to end with Stations and Benediction.

But the high point of our Mass-themed Lent came early, during its very first week: the Consecration of a High Priest, possessed of power to ordain priests in turn, and thus to continue the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our midst. The "Oblatio Munda," the pure oblation offered to God, not only valid but unsullied by communion with heretics, is our particular preoccupation. Thus Bishop Sanborn and his priest professors (we proudly count our Fr. Cekada in their number) dedicate themselves to forming future priests, *properly* training them, at Most Holy Trinity Seminary. New Bishop Joseph Selway was once such a student in the seminary's early years in Detroit, Michigan. As a lad of fifteen he attended my own Consecration by Bishop Pivarunas in 1993 at St. Gertrude the Great.

On February 22, 2018, Bishop Sanborn, Bishop Geert Stuyver of Belgium, and your writer consecrated Bishop Selway in the course of a magnificent Pontifical Mass unsurpassed for stately pomp and prayerful piety. Thus the holy priesthood, the sacraments of the Church, are once again assured for the faithful of today and tomorrow. Rejoice with us.

One might have considered such a ceremony, advanced because of Bishop Sanborn's health concerns, a regrettable but necessary distraction from Lenten retirement and its quiet



*His Excellency Bishop Dolan served as a co-consecrator of Bishop Selway at Most Holy Trinity Seminary on the Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Antioch this past February 22. (Above) The Imposition of Hands by the principal consecrator, Bishop Sanborn, and the two co-consecrators.*

prayer and penance. But see it in the light of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and against the background of the "Mass Killers" who control Rome. Consider as well the Modernist lackeys who have subverted the traditional movement, offering only ritual, not doctrine. This consecration of a bishop was perfectly placed. Does not the Sacred Liturgy lead us at each Lent's beginning from the desert of temptation to Thabor's heights and glory? This is how we all felt on that so memorable and historical occasion, which witnessed the bestowal of the apostolic succession upon a humble and worthy priest. The Bridegroom was with us, we feasted and rejoiced. Time enough now for tears and penance as we continually survey the scene of spiritual desolation.

And yet...the Faith is being passed on. Rejoice with us, even in the darkest hours of Our Savior's Passion. He has not left us, but has left us His Mass, His priesthood, and His unblemished Spouse, Holy Mother Church.

A Blessed Holy Week and Easter!

– Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan



*(Above) Father Alberto Gonzalez celebrates Mass for the patronal feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at the house of the Missionaries of the Rosary near Mendoza, Argentina. Father Ariel Damin, the superior, kneels at the side.*



*(Top above) Bishop Dolan receives ashes from Father Lehtoranta on Ash Wednesday. (Above) Immediately following the imposition of ashes on clergy and servers, the laity received the reminder that they too would one day return to dust. The annual Children's Lenten Day of Recollection was held on February 28th. (Below) Father McKenna gives the opening talk to the children and teens that attended. In addition to Father McKenna, Bishop Dolan, Father McGuire, and Father Lehtoranta all contributed to the day's activities with their own special talents.*



*(Above) Following the episcopal consecration of Bishop Selway on February 22, the four bishops posed for a picture: (from left to right) co-consecrator Bishop Dolan, principal consecrator Bishop Sanborn, newly consecrated Bishop Selway, and co-consecrator Bishop Stuyver.*



## Easter Novena of Masses

Remember your loved ones during Easter Week in a *Novena of Masses* beginning **Easter Sunday, April 1**, at St. Gertrude the Great Church.

*Please use the enclosed envelope to list your intentions and return it to us so that it can be placed on the altar.*

