

## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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**To:** Pastors and Parochial Administrators

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**Subject:** Consecration of the Diocese of Sacramento to Mary, Mother of the Church

This **Friday, May 1 at 2pm**, Bishop Jaime Soto asks the faithful to join him via livestream as he consecrates the Diocese of Sacramento to Mary, Mother of the Church. He will also crown the statue of Mary and Jesus in the courtyard of the Diocese of Sacramento Pastoral Center. The livestream will be hosted at <a href="https://www.scd.org/consecration">www.scd.org/consecration</a> and <a href="mailto:fb.com/diocesesacramento">fb.com/diocesesacramento</a>.

We ask that you please encourage your parishioners to join in this event. A worship aid, provided by the USCCB, is available at <a href="https://www.scd.org/consecration">www.scd.org/consecration</a> in both English and Spanish. The worship aid includes prayers for a pastor to consecrate his parish, as well as prayers that families can use to conduct the consecration in their own homes.

A social media graphic will be shared on all Diocese of Sacramento channels today at 9am and can be reposted to your social media of choice: <u>Facebook</u> – <u>Instagram</u> – <u>Twitter</u>

This prayer service follows the **12 noon re-consecration of our nation** under the same title by Archbishop José Gomez, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and archbishop of Los Angeles. The national event will be streamed at <a href="www.lacatholics.org/consecration">www.lacatholics.org/consecration</a> and <a href="www.facebook.com/usccb">www.facebook.com/usccb</a>.

Bishop Soto will also offer Mass and the Renewal of Consecration to Mary at St. Clare Church on Wednesday, May 13 at 6pm. More details to come.

Sincerely,

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