



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As you celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The Southwest Liturgical Conference, I extend my prayerful well-wishes to all of the participants gathered in the great diocese of Dallas. I would like to take this opportunity as well to offer my deepest appreciation and fraternal esteem to Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, who will share with you his pastoral wisdom and love of liturgy as the keynote speaker of this milestone event.

This annual gathering is, of course, an occasion for reflection and prayer, for it affords us a time to contemplate and ponder the great mystery of the liturgy, particularly in the initial months of the recent implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal in the United States. It is also a time to focus our mind and unite our hearts as one holy and catholic Church guided always by the divine providential promptings of the Holy Spirit. This Liturgical Conference has always sought to be a center and source of liturgical discussion and education for the clergy, liturgical ministers, and lay faithful in the southwestern region of the country. It is my prayer that this week is, most of all, a time of grace, when God can form in our hearts a deeper sense of understanding and awe of the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Church, from which flows God's redemptive and sanctifying grace.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizing committee and to all who have given of themselves in dedicated work and preparation of this annual event. Through their efforts, we, the beneficiaries of their sacrifice and generosity, will be renewed in spiritual vigor and resolve to faithfully express our praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. With my blessing and the promise of my prayers for the fruitfulness of this year's conference, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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