

Message from Bishop LaValley received May 7, 2020

Today, the Bishop's of the United States were informed that The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue invites believers of all religions and people of good will to spiritually unite themselves in a Day of Prayer, Fasting and Works on Charity, to implore God to help humanity in overcoming the pandemic caused by the coronavirus. This day of prayers is scheduled for Thursday, May 14. In light of the guidelines offered, there will be no public celebration, but rather the day could be "lived by each one in his/her own interiority, placing oneself before God and his/her conscience." This is an occasion to "be united in living the universal values of prayer, fasting and acts of charity as a witness to the greatness of faith in God that unites divided hearts and elevates the human soul."

As Pope Francis noted in his Urbi et Orbi Easter Message: "This is not a time for indifference, selfishness, divisions, because the whole world is suffering and must unite itself in facing the pandemic."

Bishop LaValley encourages the faithful of the Diocese to join in solidarity with people throughout the world in this special day of entreating the Lord to hear our prayer for healing and wholeness.