

**Bishop Daly** participated this last week with Bishops across the U.S. and Canada in renewing the consecration of the Americas to the maternal care of the Blessed Mother. Many of you realize that our diocese in particular, lives under the protection and patronage of the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Lourdes. Inadvertently, (or without good editing) it was termed a “re-consecration” on our diocesan website. Consecrations do not expire, wear out or otherwise terminate; however, this endeavor is to remind us that sometimes our recognition and awareness that we continue to live surrounded by and under the intercession of the Blessed Mother’s care, can wane. This ‘renewal’ is about making us more aware, inviting our more deliberate prayer and about deepening our love for the Blessed Mother who has given birth to the One who reveals resurrection and the promise of everlasting life. If you were unable to watch the livestream, please take a moment or two to ask for Mary’s help for our parish, our community and our world. Our traditional prayers: the Rosary, the Hail Mary, the ‘Memorare’, the ‘Hail, Holy Queen’ (Salve Regina) would serve as great reminders of how powerful and present the Blessed Mother has always been for us in our lives. “Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!”

Friday was the feast of **St. Joseph the Worker**. As so many of us have been given this time and opportunity to complete longstanding tasks and projects, it is good to remember St. Joseph is our helper and guide. His intercession is always good to invoke whenever we start a new work!