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*** Media Advisory ***

The Celebrations of Holy Week Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence

(PROVIDENCE)– The Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence celebrates the beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday, April 9 with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin presiding at the 10:00 am Mass in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence. Palms will be blessed and distributed to the faithful in attendance.

The annual Chrism Mass will be held on Monday, April 10 at 5 p.m., with Bishop Tobin joined by priests of the Diocese – a celebration that includes the renewing of priestly promises and the blessing of oils.

The blessed oils are used in Sacramental Rites - oil of catechumens to baptize both adults and infants; oil of the sick is used to anoint those who are ill and in need of God's healing, and the sacred oil of chrism is used for baptism, confirmation, ordination of priests, and dedication of a new church or altar. The Holy Oils will be used at parishes throughout the year.

Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans will preside at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., and on Easter Sunday, April 16, Bishop Tobin will preside at the 10 a.m. Mass.

For a full Holy Week schedule, please visit: www.dioceseofprovidence.org and click on the Holy Week-Easter button.

The media is welcome to attend any of these celebrations.