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Jubilee of Mercy

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At its heart, *Renew My Church* in the Archdiocese of Chicago is a spiritual initiative. We seek to be more and more attuned to the directions in which the Lord is leading us as a community of faith.

There are many activities that belong to the process of *Renew My Church*, for example, gathering and analyzing data, meeting to discuss choices that are to be made, and working to implement decisions. Above all, however, the Lord summons us to prayer. We are called to pray for wisdom, discernment, and courage as we move forward. We are called to pray for persevering fidelity to accomplish what the Lord wants of us.

The enclosed prayer will help us as a local Church to pray with a common voice as we face a common challenge of moving into the future with faith, hope, and love. In this spirit of unity in prayer, I ask all parishes in the Archdiocese to use this prayer as the final prayer of the General Intercessions at Pentecost weekend Masses. If Pentecost coincides with a special celebration or event in the parish, for example, First Communion or a capital campaign commitment, please use the prayer on the next available weekend.

After Pentecost, continue to use the prayer in different ways. You may pray it on the first Sunday of each month or more frequently. Begin parish meetings or gatherings with this prayer. Incorporate it in religious education and adult faith formation. Consider pasting it in the inside cover of your hymnals. Encourage individuals and families to pray this prayer at home. Encourage the sick and those who are homebound to pray for *Renew My Church*. Their intercessory prayer is powerful in the life of the Church. And, of course, allow your creativity to bring this prayer into the life of our communities in other ways as well.

As we encourage all of God's people to join in prayer for the renewal of the Church, may the good Lord continue to accompany us on our journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blase J. Cupich".

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Enclosure