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is queridos amigos,

Mayo, tradicionalmente, está dedicado de manera especial en honor a María como madre de Dios y madre de la Iglesia. Es importante que nosotros reflexionemos sobre el papel de María en la historia de salvación y reconocer que su grandeza reside en su voluntad de responder a la llamada de Dios. Las escrituras nos dicen que María quedó asombrada por el saludo del Ángel indicándole que ella tendría un hijo llamado Jesús. Habiendo entendido que era Dios quien le estaba hablando a través del Ángel, su respuesta fue, “Heme aquí, la esclava del Señor”. A menudo, tal vez más en el pasado que ahora, muchas parroquias ofrecían especiales devociones, rosarios, coronaciones de mayo y novenas en honor de nuestra Madre Santísima. Es bueno que cada uno de nosotros tenga su propia devoción privada a María: en honor a María, la madre de Dios y el modelo de la fe.

El sábado 5 de junio de 2010 a las 10: 00 a.m. en la Catedral de San Andrés, serán ordenados el Diácono David Gross al sacerdocio y el Sr. Luis García al diaconado. Pido sus oraciones por ellos así como por las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa. Todos están bienvenidos en la ceremonia de ordenación.

En la siguiente página se incluye una serie de fotos tomadas durante las liturgias de Cuaresma y Pascua celebradas este año en la Catedral de San Andrés. La alegría de esta temporada de Santa Pascua sea fuente de gracia y bendición para ustedes.

Atentamente en el Señor,

Obispo Walter Hurley



>> Bishop greets RCIA candidate at the Rite of Election.

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y dear friends,

May traditionally is dedicated in a special way to honoring Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. It is important for us to reflect on the role of Mary in the history of salvation and to recognize that her greatness lies in her willingness to respond to God's call. Scripture tells us that Mary was perplexed by the angel's greeting that she would bear a son named Jesus. Understanding that it was God speaking to her through the angel, Mary's response was, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord." Often, perhaps more in the past than now, many parishes offer special devotions, rosaries, May crownings and novenas in honor of our Blessed Mother. It is good that each of us has our own private devotion to Mary— to honor Mary the Mother of God and model of faith.

On Saturday June 5, 2010 at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, I will ordain Deacon David Gross to the priesthood and Mr. Luis Garcia to the diaconate. I ask your prayers for them and for vocations to the priesthood and to religious life. All are welcome at the ceremony of ordination.

Included on the following page is a series of photos taken during Lent and Easter liturgies celebrated this year at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. May the joy of this holy Easter season be a source of grace and blessing to you.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Bishop Walter Hurley



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- 1 – Ash Wednesday Mass, Cathedral of Saint Andrew - Father Mark-David Janus, C.S.P., (left) distributes ashes to Bishop Hurley.  
 2 – Palm Sunday Mass, Cathedral of Saint Andrew – Blessing of the palms on the piazza prior to Palm (Passion) Sunday Mass.  
 3 – Chrism Mass, Cathedral of Saint Andrew – Clergy of the diocese gather at Chrism Mass for the renewal of commitment to priestly service.  
 4 – Chrism Mass – Bishop Hurley blesses the Oil of the Sick.  
 5 – Easter Vigil Mass, Cathedral of Saint Andrew – Procession and sharing of light following the lighting of the Paschal candle on the piazza.  
 6 – Easter Vigil Mass – Bishop Hurley administers the sacrament of confirmation to a newly baptized member of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew parish.