DEAR PARENTS:

As you may know, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, made his first visit to the United States of America this September. His visit was in association with the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, the world’s largest Catholic gathering of families. This was also the first time the World Meeting of Families was hosted in the United States.

The theme of the World Meeting of Families was “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive” and was inspired by the early Church Father, St. Irenaeus, who wrote “the Glory of God is man fully alive.” You see, the glory of men and women is found in their capacity to love as God loves – and no better means exists to teach the meaning of love than the family. The truth is, parents are endowed with the greatest influence over their children, and as such have the most important role of transmitting the faith unto them. As the Holy Father has said, this transmission of the faith is, “the most beautiful inheritance you will leave them.”

Over 300 pilgrims and I, from every deanery in the Diocese of Toledo, embarked on a pilgrimage to Philadelphia for these powerful events for the family. The idea that such a historic event in our country’s history was taking place in the city I had called home up until I was called upon to be Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, inspired me to make sure the spirit of these events would be realized with my new family of faith.

I personally invite you to participate, with your children, in 1 of 15 “Families Fully Alive” World Meeting of Families Deanery events happening all around the Diocese of Toledo throughout October and November of this year. I have asked for these events to take the place of any previously scheduled parish events, and they may also occur during the regularly scheduled PSR/CCD class time. These events are family friendly events, to encourage and inspire everyone who is part of the family of faith to share in the spirit of the World Meeting of Families & Pope Francis’ first visit to the United States, and to ignite a renewed evangelization for the families in our Diocese.

In these Deanery events, everyone from our parishes, schools, and homes are invited to experience the love of family through live music, praise, worship & Eucharistic adoration, a special World Meeting of Families commemorative video, and testimonials from pilgrims who attended the historic events in Philadelphia this year. Some events will also feature Mass Impact’s “Ignite Lite” and a light reception before or after. It is my hope and prayer that these Deanery gatherings will inspire “Families Fully Alive” in the Diocese of Toledo.

Please join me, dear parents, in celebrating together the gift of Catholic family life, by uniting in the mission of families fully alive, and in the vision of forming Holy Disciples, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations in the Diocese of Toledo.

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
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“Families Fully Alive” World Meeting of Families Deanery Event Schedule

*St. John the Evangelist, Delphos * St. Mary, Bluffton * St. Patrick, Spencerville * St. John the Baptist, Landeck * St. Charles Borromeo, Lima * St. John the Evangelist, Lima * St. Rose of Lima, Lima * St. Mary of the Assumption, Van Wert

St. Katherine Drexel Deanery - October 7, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by All Saints Parish, Rossford
*St. John XXIII, Perrysburg * Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Toledo * St. Aloysius, Bowling Green * St. Joan of Arc, Toledo * St. Joseph, Maumee * St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, Toledo * St. Rose of Lima, Perrysburg * St. Thomas More University Parish, Bowling Green *

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Deanery - October 14, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by Rosary Cathedral, Toledo
*Historic St. Patrick, Toledo * Immaculate Conception, Toledo * St. Charles Borromeo, Toledo * St. Hyacinth, Toledo * St. Joseph, Toledo * St. Martin de Porres, Toledo * SS. Adalbert & Hedwig, Toledo

St. Juan Diego Deanery - October 14, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by St. Mary of the Snows, Mansfield – Dinner at 6PM

St. Kateri Tekawitha Deanery - October 20, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by Cardinal Stritch High School, Toledo
* Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bono * St. Ignatius, Oregon * St. Jerome, Walbridge * Epiphany of the Lord, Toledo * SS. Peter & Paul, Toledo

St. Francis of Assisi Deanery - October 21, 15'-7PM- Hosted by St. Michael the Archangel, Findlay – Reception to Follow
*Our Lady of Consolation, Carey * Immaculate Conception, Deshler * St. Wendelin, Fostoria * Holy Family, North Baltimore * Transfiguration of the Lord, Upper Sandusky *

St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery - October 21, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by St. John Parish, Defiance – Reception to Follow
*St. Mary, Defiance * St. Mary, Holgate * St. Isidore, Marysdale * Sacred Heart, New Bavaria * Divine Mercy, Paulding * St. Michael, St. Michael’s Ridge *

*Our Lady of Hope, Attica * SS. Patrick & Andrew, Bascom * St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Bellevue * All Saints, New Riegel * St. Pius X, Sycamore * St. Mary, Tiffin * Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue *

*Holy Trinity, Assumption * St. Louis, Custar * St. Patrick, Providence * St. Richard, Swanton * Little Flower of Jesus, Toledo * Our Lady of Lourdes, Toledo * St. Joseph Parish, Sylvania

Our Lady of the Lake Deanery - October 28, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by St. Mary Parish, Sandusky
*St. Peter, Huron * St. Michael, Kelly’s Island * Immaculate Conception, Port Clinton * Mother of Sorrows, Put-in-Bay * Holy Angels, Sandusky * SS. Peter & Paul, Sandusky * St. Mary, Vermillion

*St. Mary, Clyde * Sacred Heart, Fremont * St. Ann, Fremont * Our Lady of Lourdes, Genoa * St. Michael, Gibsonburg * St. Mary, Millersville * St. Boniface, Oak Harbor *

Our Lady Queen of Peace Deanery - November 4, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by St. Patrick Parish, Bryan
*St. Peter, Archibald * St. Mary, Edgerton * Our Lady of Mercy, Fayette * St. Michael, Hicksville * Sacred Heart, Montpelier * St. Augustine, Napoleon * St. Caspar, Wauseon*

St. John Neumann Deanery - November 11, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by St. Paul the Apostle, Norwalk – Reception to Follow
*Immaculate Conception, Bellevue * St. Anthony of Padua, Norwalk * St. Joseph, Monroeville * Our Lady of Lourdes, New London * St. Mary, Norwalk * St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Peru * St. Mary, Wakeman *

St. George Deanery - November 11, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by St. Michael Parish, Kalida – Reception to Follow
*St. Barbara, Cloverdale * St. Anthony of Padua, Columbus Grove * St. John the Baptist, Continental * St. Joseph, Fort Jennings * St. John, Glandorf * St. Mary, Leipsic * St. Nicholas, Miller City * Holy Family, New Cleveland * SS. Peter & Paul, Ottawa * Immaculate Conception, Ottoville

St. Agnes Deanery - November 18, 2015 – 7PM – Hosted by Gesu Parish, Toledo
*Blessed Sacrament, Toledo * Christ the King, Toledo * Corpus Christi, Toledo * Regina Coeli, Toledo * St. Catherine of Siena, Toledo * St. Clement, Toledo * St. John the Baptist, Toledo * St. Michael, Toledo * St. Pius X, Toledo *