



Office of the Bishop

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My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

The Bishops of the United States are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to the Bishops' General Assembly. During those meetings, the Bishops will be making critical decisions in response to the current clergy sexual abuse crisis. With my brother bishops across our Nation, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, November 5, through Sunday, November 11. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- *For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.*
- *For the conversion and repentance of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.*
- *For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading our flocks from all harm.*

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join me in praying for these intentions. I would also be grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our General Assembly, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

With an assurance of my continued prayers for you, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn