## BISHOP JUGIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

January: For peace. May our merciful Father bring an end to all discord between peoples of good will.

February: For religious vocations. May God grant an increase to all religious orders serving in the Diocese of Charlotte.

March: For families. May God pour out abundant graces in our families, so they may be faithful domestic churches.

**April:** For the homeless. May Christ act through the faithful in the diocese to provide for the needs of the homeless.

May: For Mary's intercession. May Mary, our patroness, always look favorably upon our Church and pray for us unceasingly.

June: For vocations to the priesthood. May the Lord give courage, strength, and clarity to those being called to the priesthood.

July: For parishes. May God bless and enrich each and every parish in the diocese with His grace and special protection.

**August:** For the sick and suffering. May God give comfort to the afflicted, the suffering, and to all those in need.

September: For caregivers. May God grant His love and mercy to all who care for the sick, needy, elderly, and imprisoned.

**October:** For *parents*. May God grant parents strength and virtue so they may be authentic witnesses of the Catholic faith.

**November:** For the faithful departed. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed of the Diocese of Charlotte.

December: For children and youth. May Christ generously prepare the hearts and minds of children and youth to receive the Word of God.



## CELEBRATE THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

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## DIOCESE of CHARLOTTE



"The theme chosen for the Golden Anniversary year is 'Faith More Precious Than Gold,' from 1 Peter 1:7: '... so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.' Gold is recognized as a precious commodity, but even more precious to us is the gift of our Catholic faith." — Bishop Peter J. Jugis

## PRAYER FOR THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

eavenly Father, accept our humble prayer of praise and gratitude as we joyfully celebrate fifty years as the Diocese of Charlotte. Throughout our history the faithful of Western North Carolina, under the watchful care of esteemed bishops and abbots, have been nurtured by Your providential hand. Confident that You invite Your children to implore Your constant blessings, we pray that You continue to pour forth Your heavenly grace upon us. With filial affection and devotion, we further ask that You look kindly upon the prayers we seek through the intercession of our venerable patroness, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, who with motherly attention tends to the needs and concerns of the Church. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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