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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings to all who are participating in the Way of the Cross on Good Friday.

Scripture scholars point out that the literature of the Gospels is unique, not replicated in any other form because they are written not just as a history to recount the life of Jesus. Rather, they are inspired in such a way so future generations who would proclaim them would have the very same experience that the early disciples had of Jesus, that they would be brought into that moment and allow the full impact of who Jesus was in his passion, death and resurrection to be theirs as well. Today as you listen to the Gospel texts, may you join Pope Francis in his Good Friday prayer, “Lord Jesus, help us to see in Your Cross all the crosses of the world.”

As you remember and contemplate what Christ’s suffering and death means for us, your prayerful procession in the heart of the city is a powerful witness of our synodal church walking together with faith and hope in Christ and with love and concern for our sisters and brothers, especially those who are suffering. I join my prayers to yours for peace in the world, especially in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and for migrants throughout the world.

We are grateful to the members of the lay ecclesial movement *Communion and Liberation* in the Archdiocese of Chicago for organizing this annual the Way of the Cross. Thanks also to Bishop Mark Bartosic for accompanying those on this solemn journey, and to Father Patrick Gorman for offering reflections along the way. Be assured of my blessing for you today and throughout this Jubilee Year as we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope.”

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

*Way of the Cross
Good Friday 2025*