

BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO THE LAY FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

RELEASED FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2009 TO ALL 53 PARISHES AND MISSIONS OF THE FIVE COUNTY DIOCESE FOR DISSEMINATION THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 28/29 2009

I ask for the continued prayers of the people of our Diocese as the matter regarding the cases of Fathers Skehan and Guinan have come to a conclusion. This has been a very long and painful period for our Diocese. I am grateful for the usual faith and patience exhibited by our people and especially that of the people of the parishes of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Patrick. I am also grateful for the well deserved support shown to our hard-working and responsible priests who do not receive publicity for the good work they do day in and day out.

Within the coming weeks, the Diocese will be providing more financial details regarding the recovery of loss to the parishes of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Patrick. I also wish to assure all that we will continue our best efforts at every level to ensure the highest standards of financial accountability within our Diocese.

As we prepare for Holy Week and the coming season of Easter, may the Cross be the means which transforms the sin and suffering of this situation to the new Life of the Resurrection. With the grace of God, we look forward to the future with renewed hope.