

## DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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## Dear Parents:

As you may know, the Diocese celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding at a special Mass of Thanksgiving that was celebrated on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Saint Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. As the celebrant of the Mass, among my intentions was to pray for all families in the Diocese, especially those who are raising children and young people.

During the Mass, I re-consecrated the Diocese to both the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. By doing so, I asked the Lord Jesus for His grace and Our Lady for her protection as we strive to remain faithful Catholics in a very troubling and confused secular world.

Enclosed are two prayer cards that feature each of those consecration prayers. I am giving each of them as a gift to every child who attends either a Catholic school or a parish faith formation program.

My request is that you pray these two prayers with your child each day. Please ask the Lord to inspire, bless and protect them. Petition Our Lady to keep them wrapped in the mantle of her love and free from all harm and evil. Pray for your entire family as well, and for your individual intentions.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the education and faith formation of your child. May the Lord continue to abundantly bless you in your vocation as a parent and in your own journey of Christian discipleship.

With every best wish and a promise of prayer, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano Bishop of Bridgeport

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Enclosure