

JOIN BISHOP OSCAR A. SOLIS
together with the Bishops of the United States and Canada in a
Prayer of Consecration to Mary, Mother of the Church for Her Protection
Live Stream on Friday, MAY 1, 2020 at 1p.m.
Cathedral of the Madeleine

ÚNASE AL OBISPO OSCAR A. SOLIS
junto con los Obispos de los Estados Unidos y Canadá en una
Oración de Consagración a María, Madre de la Iglesia para su protección
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La Catedral de la Magdalena

MEMORANDUM from Archbishop Jose Gomez, President USCCB

As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has announced that the U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 1 in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother.

Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother's witness to the Gospel and to ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need.

I am pleased to invite you to join me in a prayer of reconsecration of our nation to the protection of the Blessed Mother on May 1, 2020 12 pm PMT / 1pm GMT / 3pm EMT). This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus. Archbishop Gomez will lead a brief liturgy with the prayer of re-consecration on and has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation.

Each year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. This prayer reaffirms and renews previous Marian entrustments, and unites us in solidarity with our Holy Father, who recently established the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, as a source of protection and strength. "This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus," said Archbishop Gomez. "This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic," he continued.