



Office of the Archbishop
835 North Rush Street
Chicago, IL 60611-2030
312.534.8230
archchicago.org


Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings and best wishes to all those gathered for the annual *Way of the Cross through Downtown Chicago* organized by Communion & Liberation with the support of the Lay Ecclesial Movements in the Archdiocese. Re-enacting Christ's journey to Calvary in prayer, song and meditation draws attention in a powerful way to the paradox of the Cross: Christ's self-giving love which transforms our lives, our communities and our world.

The injustice of Good Friday grips us and sears our hearts; it also challenges and emboldens us. Pope Francis often reminds us that Jesus rose from the dead 2,000 years ago, but is risen, active and alive in the world, leading the Church today. As he puts it, "Christ is always doing something new." Our Holy Father also emphasizes discernment as central to the Christian life and encourages us to be ever attentive to Christ's call to each of us to be more fully fashioned into his likeness.

As you make your way through the heart of Chicago, may this ancient tradition deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ and inspire those you encounter along the way. Together let us continue to build up the Church as we walk with the Lord and with one another, intent on sharing his love and message of mercy, reconciliation and hope. With prayers and every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Way of the Cross through Downtown Chicago
Good Friday
March 30, 2018