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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. As you witness the sacrifices made by Our Lord on Good Friday, know that I am with you in prayer and reflection.

Good Friday is a day not only for solemn reflection, but also for preparation for the promise of Christ's return. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation."

As you make your way through the heart of Chicago, may this journey deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ and inspire those you encounter along the way. Let us prepare for Christ's return both in our world and in our hearts. With prayers and every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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Way of the Cross through Downtown Chicago Good Friday April 19, 2019