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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,


Greetings and best wishes to all those gathered for the 2017 *Way of the Cross through Downtown Chicago*. As you witness to the sacrifices made by Our Lord on Good Friday, know that I accompany you in spirit and in prayer.

As you silently walk the “way of the cross” through the streets of our city, it underscores what I encouraged people to do during Lent this year: enter into silence to grow closer to the Lord. Silence can make us feel uneasy as it forces us to think, to feel, to touch those deep areas of our lives where a sense of emptiness or meaninglessness may lurk in our hearts.

Through this Good Friday journey may you encounter the living God who wants to speak to each of us. In a special way, I thank the members of Communion and Liberation for organizing this very special event, as well as the Focolare Movement and the other organizations that closely collaborate in this effort, and to all who participate. Your silent journey speaks volumes to our city, so desperately in need of Christ’s love, hope and peace.

With 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
April 14, 2017