



March 14, 2013

*Chrism Mass*

Dear Father and Pastoral Coordinator,

I invite you and members of your parish community to attend the Chrism Mass scheduled for Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Cathedral. This is one of the most significant liturgies of the year in the Archdiocese, and I know you will make every effort to adjust your schedules in order to celebrate and manifest the unity of our local Church. In my name, please invite to the Chrism Mass those in parish leadership and those in your care who will be recipients of the oils we bless: the elect, the sick and aged, and candidates for Confirmation.

Priests wishing to concelebrate at the Chrism Mass are asked to bring an alb (an archdiocesan stole will be made available for you at the time of vesting) and gather in the St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center, located on the corner of Columbia Street and Ninth Avenue. Enter from the Columbia Street entrance. Please arrive by 6:15 p.m.

In keeping with the Rite of Christian Initiation, we will dismiss the elect and the candidates after the homily. During this dismissal, the elect will be anointed with the Oil of the Catechumens. Following the liturgy, all are invited to a reception in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

Blessed oils will be distributed in the Cathedral Chapel shortly after the Chrism Mass ends. Please carefully review the enclosed memo describing the distribution process.

May this year's Chrism Mass be a source of renewal and a wellspring of inspiration, commitment, and service to our Lord.

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain  
Archbishop of Seattle

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