

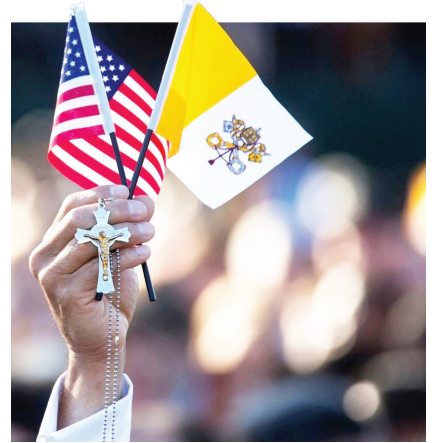
WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

Praying for Our Nation During America's 250th Anniversary

As the United States prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the Catholic bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the national *We Hold These Truths* campaign.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging dioceses, parishes, schools and Catholic communities across the country to participate in this historic moment of prayer, unity and renewal.

The Diocese of Erie invites the faithful to join in this national initiative throughout the anniversary year through prayer, Eucharistic adoration and acts of mercy rooted in our Catholic faith.



Here are a few ways to participate:



250 Hours of Adoration

Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for healing, unity, peace and our nation. The faithful are encouraged to participate in holy hours throughout the year as part of the nationwide effort.

Participants are invited to report their hours of adoration through the diocesan website so the Diocese of Erie can join dioceses across the country in witnessing to the power of prayer and Eucharistic devotion.



Works of Mercy

Live out the Gospel through acts of charity and service inspired by the Corporal Works of Mercy. Opportunities may include volunteering, supporting local outreach ministries, helping families in need, visiting the sick or assisting community organizations.



Pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart

Join Catholics throughout the nation in praying for our country and preparing spiritually for the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Learn More and Participate: Visit www.ErieRCD.org/250.html

for diocesan resources, parish opportunities, prayers, adoration materials and ways to participate locally.

As we celebrate this important anniversary in our nation's history, may we continue to cherish the gift of religious freedom, deepen our love for Christ in the Eucharist and boldly live as missionary disciples during this special year and beyond.



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