

April 4, 2012

### Media Alert

**Holy Week Celebration of Chrism Mass will be \*today\* April 4 at St. James Cathedral  
Bishop Noonan will Bless the Oils – an Important Symbol of our Faith**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me” (Luke 4:18).*

- WHO: Bishop John Noonan, Bishop Emeritus Norbert Dorsey, over 100 priests from the Diocese of Orlando, religious sisters, seminarians and Catholic parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Orlando
- WHAT: Chrism Mass - for the blessing and consecration of the oils used during the Church year. The oil of the sick, an oil of healing (used in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick) and the oil of catechumens, an oil of faith building (used to anoint those preparing for baptism, both infants and adults), as well as the consecration of the Sacred Chrism (used in baptism, confirmation, and ordination) take place during this liturgy. Pastors carry these oils back to their parishes where they will be part of celebrations for the coming year, beginning with the Easter Vigil. The new oils are formally brought to the parish on Holy Thursday. The old oils are burned in the Easter fire on Holy Saturday.
- WHERE: St. James Cathedral  
215 North Orange Avenue, Orlando
- WHEN: **April 4, 2011 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

#### Additional Information:

All priests of the Diocese who are able to attend renew their commitment to priestly service during the Chrism Mass and they are united with the Bishop as they all concelebrate the Mass. The renewal of priestly commitment takes place after the homily.

Also, priests celebrating a significant anniversary of their ordination are honored in a special way during the Chrism Mass. This year, four priests are celebrating 25 years and four priests are celebrating 50 years of priesthood.

#### 50 YEAR JUBILARIANS

**Monsignor Manuel Fernandez, Retired**

**Father Raymond O’Leary, Pastor Emeritus, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Port Orange**

**Father Hugo Londoño, Retired**

**Father Eugene Weis, Retired**

25 YEAR JUBILARIANS

**Father Esau Garcia, Pastor, Holy Cross Parish, Orlando**

**Father Robert Graves, Sons of the Divine Will**

**Father Chris Hoffmann, Pastor, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Port Orange**

**Father Matt Mello, Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, Lakeland**

The Chrism Mass is open to the public.