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Dear Beloved Clergy, parishioners and family of the Diocese of Toledo:

Christ is in our midst!

I pray that you are having a blessed and spiritually invigorating Lenten season. And as we look to the empty tomb and the bright season to follow, I also want to remind you that Fr. Daniel Daly and the community of **St. Nicholas in Grand Rapids, Michigan** are well into their preparations for the **2015 Diocese of Toledo Parish Life Conference (PLC)**. The parish is excited to host the laity and clergy of the Midwest in the beautiful Amway Grand Hotel for spiritual enrichment, fellowship, youth competitions, business meetings, and fun. The PLC continues to be an excellent opportunity for our people to enjoy a summer vacation with a focus on our Lord and the Church.

The Parish Life Conference is for every member of your parish, because the life of the Parish is the life of the priest and the laity together. Just as there can be no Liturgy without both the priest and the people, we also cannot enhance the spiritual life and build the Body of Christ without all of our people. The Parish Life Conference is a means to strengthen our connection to each other and our Church. I encourage you all to get involved in the ministry of the PLC.

In keeping with our goal of making the Parish Life Conference accessible to all of the faithful in the Diocese, all parishes should contribute an entry to the PLC Souvenir Journal. But the Journal is not just for parishes – **individuals are a valuable partner** in making the Journal and the PLC happen. The funds from the Souvenir Journal provide a beautiful hotel chapel, meeting spaces, sound equipment, and accommodations for all the non-paid events. The Journal **helps keep prices low so that more families are able to participate** in the PLC and it is therefore a vital ministry of the Parish Life Conference.

For more information on the 2015 Midwest Parish Life Conference, to register for the PLC, or submit your Souvenir Journal entry online, go to www.MidwestPLC2015.com. Please **submit your entries and register for the PLC early**, to allow our host parish to appropriately plan for our wonderful week together in His service.

May the Lord bless our journey to His Nativity and our work in the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "+ Bishop Anthony". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

+Bishop ANTHONY

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