Instructions for Parish Representatives
for the Blessing of Holy Oils & the Consecration of Sacred Chrism

Please share these instructions with your representatives.

Each parish, religious institution or houses of prayer will have three representatives to carry and hold:

- the Holy Oil of Catechumen
- the Holy Oil of the Sick
- the Holy Oil of Sacred Chrism

during the rite of the blessing of the holy oils and the consecration of sacred chrism at Chrism Mass on Thursday, 21 March 2024 at 7pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph.

Please arrive no later than 6:30pm. Upon arrival at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph, assign one parish representative to get the oils prepared for your parish at the check-in table set per Deanery located between the Cathedral and the Cathedral Office building, Cathedral side door entrance. After check-in, locate your parish assigned seating inside the Cathedral.

Keep the oils in the wooden carrier and place them under your seat. During the Rite of Blessings of Holy Oils each representative must hold the oil assigned to them. When the cantor proclaims the name of the oil, the representative will stand, holding the oil with both hands and hold it high just within the face view.

After the prayer of blessings, as instrumental music accompanies the end of the prayer, the representative may sit and place the oil in its wooden carrier.

For the representative assigned to hold the oil of Sacred Chrism, you must be seated at the end of the pew. When the cantor proclaims the name of the oil, you will stand outside of the pew (in the aisle) standing next to your chair. Hold the oil with both hands and hold it high just within the face view.
Everyone will be standing during the consecration. After the prayer of consecration, as instrumental music accompanies the end of the prayer, the representative may sit and place the oil in its wooden carrier.

The parish representative who took the oils at the check-in table may bring the oils back to your parish. The three parish representatives must be the same volunteers that will present the oils during the Rite of Reception of Holy Oils on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, unless instructed otherwise by the pastor.

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity in representing your community at the annual Chrism Mass.

Blessings,

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