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MEDIA ADVISORY

Diocese to Observe 24 Hours for the Lord

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will observe *24 Hours for the Lord* later this month. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has requested that at least one church in every diocese have confessors available during a 24 hour period while as many of the faithful as possible pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer intention would be for the spiritual renewal, conversion, and reconciliation that is central to the season of Lent.

Here in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the designated location for this *24 Hours for the Lord* will be the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will be from 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 16 until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 17.

Faithful from throughout the diocese are encouraged – as individuals, families, or groups – to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for this special time of spiritual renewal. Individuals who are unable to visit the Cathedral are encouraged to attend Mass or visit their parish during the 24 hour period.