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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### *Precious Blood to be Restored on Holy Thursday*

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – Bishop Mark Bartchak has directed that the Precious Blood is to once again be offered at Liturgies throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Earlier this year, the Bishop directed that the Precious Blood not be offered due to the severity of the flu season. The faithful were also instructed to not shake hands during the Sign of Peace. Beginning at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, individuals may also resume the regular practice of shaking hands.