

## Summary of the Bishop's Message about Holy Week

As Bishop of the Diocese of Camden, in light of further restrictions by Governor Murphy and the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Bishop Sullivan promulgates the following regarding the liturgies of Palm Sunday and Holy Week throughout the Diocese of Camden to assist the clergy and the faithful in the spiritual celebration of the Paschal Mysteries.

### PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday there is to be NO PUBLIC GATHERING (inside or outside Churches, in cars, etc.).

In parish churches, the Mass for Palm Sunday may be celebrated without a congregation by the pastor/parish. Blessed palms can be made available for distribution at a later date – they are NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE at this time.

### PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- HOLY THURSDAY

No public gatherings (inside or outside Churches, in cars, etc.). In parish churches, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper may be celebrated without a congregation.

The usual procession with the Blessed Sacrament to a place of repose is to be omitted and the Blessed Sacrament should be kept in the tabernacle, as usual; please understand that NO PROCESSIONS WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT are to take place and ALTARS OF REPOSE are not to be created.

The faithful are to be informed that parish churches will NOT BE OPEN for the usual visitation of churches on Holy Thursday evening. Pastors are NOT PERMITTED to leave their churches open at this time.

- GOOD FRIDAY

No public gatherings (inside or outside Churches, in cars, etc.). In parish churches, the Commemoration/Celebration of the Lord's Passion may be celebrated without a congregation.

- HOLY SATURDAY

No public gatherings (inside or outside Churches, in cars, etc.). In parish churches, the Easter Vigil may be celebrated without a congregation.

### Easter Sunday

No public gatherings (inside or outside Churches, in cars, etc.). In parish churches, Mass for Easter Sunday may be celebrated without a congregation.