Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Ordination of Priests

June 20, 2020

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Celebration of the Eucharist
with the
Ordination of Priests

Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia

June 20, 2020
10:00 AM

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Prelude

**Esto Les Digo**  
Kinley Lange (b. 1950)

*English translation, sung in Spanish*

“This I say to you,
if two of you are put, are put in accord here in,
in the earth to ask, to ask anything in prayer,
my Father which is in heaven, will give it to you.
Because where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I, in the midst of them.”

**Salve regina**  
Frank LaRocca (b. 1951)

*English translation, sung in Latin*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile, Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**Allegro**  
Giuseppe Torelli

*Concerto for Trumpet in D major*
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the
2. Alleluia! Bread of Angels, Here on
3. Alleluia! King eternal, You the
4. Church of God, elect and glorious, holy
5. God has called you out of darkness into
6. Once you were alien people, strangers
7. Church of God, elect and holy, be the

1. Scepter, his the throne; Alleluia!
2. earth our food, our stay! Alleluia!
3. Lord of lords we own: Alleluia!
4. nation, chosen race, called as God's own
5. his most marvelous light, brought his truth to
6. to God's heart of love, but he brought you
7. people he intends, strong in faith and

1. his the triumph, His the victory alone;
2. here the sinful flee to you from day to day:
3. born of Mary, Earth your foot stool, heav'n your throne;
4. special people, royal priests and heirs of grace;
5. life with you, turned your blindness in to sight.
6. home in mercy, citizens of heav'en above.
7. swift to answer each command your Master sends.

1. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder
2. intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's re
3. You, with the veil, have entered, Robed in
4. know the purpose of your call, show to
5. Let your light so shine around you that God's
6. Let his love flow out to others, let them
7. Royal priests, fulfill your call through your
Behold a great priest who in his days pleased God:
Therefore by an oath the Lord made him to increase among his people.
To him He gave the blessing of all nations,
and confirmed His covenant upon his head.
Therefore by an oath the Lord made him to increase among his people.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Penitential Act

ICEL Chant

V. Kyrie, eleison. R. Kyrie, eleison.

V. Christe, eleison. R. Christe, eleison.

V. Kyrie, eleison. R. Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria

Missa de Angelis

Chant Mass VIII

Choral sections arr. Donimico Bartolucci

Cantor/Choir: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

ALL: Laudamus te.

Choir: Benedictus te.

ALL: Adoramus te.

Cantor: Glorificamus te.

ALL: Gratias agimus tibi propter-magnam gloriam tuam.

Choir: Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

ALL: Dómine Fili unigenite, Je su Christe.
Cantor: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

ALL: Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di, mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

Cantor/Choir: Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscite deprecationem nostram.

ALL: Qui se-des ad déx-te-ram Pa-tris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

Choir: Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

ALL: Tu so-lus Dó-mi-nus.

Cantor: Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.


Collect
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Primera Lectura

Isaiah 61:1-3
Isaías 61, 1-3

Spanish translation, read in English

Lectura del libro del profeta Isaías

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,
porque me ha ungido
y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva
   a los pobres,
a curar a los de corazón quebrantado,
a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos,
y la libertad a los prisioneros;
a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor,
el día de la venganza de nuestro Dios.

El Señor me ha enviado a consolar
   a los afligidos,
los afligidos de Sión,
a cambiar su ceniza en diadema,
sus lágrimas en aceite perfumado de alegría
y su abatimiento, en cánticos.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.
Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.

“He encontrado a David, mi servidor,
y con mi aceite santo lo he ungido.
Lo sostendrá mi mano
y le dará mi brazo fortaleza. Respuesta

Contará con mi amor y mi lealtad
y su poder aumentará en mi nombre.
El me podrá: ‘Tú eres mi padre,
el Dios que me protege y que me salva’”. Respuesta
Second Reading
Segunda Lectura

English translation, read in Spanish

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:
Every high priest is taken from among men
and made their representative before God,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,
for he himself is beset by weakness
and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself
as well as for the people.

No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

In the same way,
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest,
but rather the one who said to him:
  You are my son: This day I have begotten you;
just as he says in another place;
  You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: Palabra de Dios.
ALL: Te alabamos, Señor

Acclamation before the Gospel

James J. Chepponis

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

I call you my friends, says the Lord,
for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.
Cuando llegó la hora, Jesús y sus apóstoles se sentaron a la mesa.
Él les dijo:
“Había deseado muchísimo comer esta Pascua con ustedes, antes que sufra. Pues les aseguro que no volveré a comerla hasta que tenga su cumplimiento en el reino de Dios.”

Luego tomó la copa, dio gracias y dijo: “Tomen esto y repártanlo entre ustedes. Pues yo les aseguro que no volveré a beber del fruto de la vid hasta que venga el reino de Dios.”

Entonces tomó el pan, dio gracias por él, lo partió, se lo dio a ellos y les dijo: “Este pan es mi cuerpo, que es entregado por ustedes. Hagan esto para que se acuerden de mí.”

Después de la cena, tomó la copa y dijo: “Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre que es derramada por todos ustedes.”

Y empezaron a discutir sobre cuál de ellos sería el más importante.

Jesús les dijo:
“Los reyes de las naciones son unos tiranos con sus súbditos.
Y aun así, ellos dicen de sí mismos que le hacen bien a la gente. Pero entre ustedes no debe ser así.
El más importante debe comportarse como el menor, y el que manda como el que sirve.
Porque, ¿quién es más importante?, ¿el que está sentado a la mesa o el que sirve? ¿No es el que está sentado a la mesa?
Sin embargo, yo estoy entre ustedes como el que sirve.
Ustedes han estado siempre a mi lado dado a mí. En mi reino van a comer y a beber en mi mesa y se sentarán en tronos para juzgar a las doce tribus de Israel.”
Rite of Ordination of Priests

Election of the Candidates

The candidates are called forward.

Wilmer Alexander Chirino-Gonzalez
Cesar Javier Izaguire Gonzalez
Louis Joseph Monica
Kevin Chinonye Okafor
August Albert Taglianetti

The Rector of the seminary presents to the Archbishop the candidates for Ordination and, in the name of the Church, asks that they be ordained to the Priesthood.

Bishop Senior: Most Reverend Father, Holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Priesthood.

Archbishop Pérez: Do you know them to be worthy?

Bishop Senior: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those responsible, I testify that they have been found worthy.

Archbishop Pérez: Relying on the help of the Lord God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Priesthood.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Promise of the Elect

The elect are questioned as to their intention in undertaking the Office of the Priesthood.
Litany of Supplication

(all kneel)

Cantor:

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

(Invocations sung by cantor)

Pray for us

Lord, be merciful
From all evil
From every sin

From every lasting death
By your incarnation
By your death and resurrection
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Be merciful to us sinners
Govern and protect your holy Church

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer

cantor continues....

Christ, hear us
Christ, hear us

Christ, graciously hear us
Christ, graciously hear us
Laying on of Hands

Archbishop Pérez lays his hands on the head of each candidate,
followed by the other priests present.
During the course of the Laying on of Hands by the priests,
the faithful are invited to sit.

Prayer of Ordination (all stand)

With his hands extended over the candidates,
Archbishop Pérez pronounces the Prayer of Ordination.
The Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Consecration
together constitute the essential elements of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Investiture with Stole and Chasuble (all sit)

Assisting priests come forward
to change the stoles of the newly ordained
from the Deacon position to that of the Priest.
They then vest them with the Chasuble.

Psalm 110

Christ the Lord, a priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek, offered bread and wine.

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Anointing of Hands

Archbishop Pérez then anoints the hands of the newly ordained Priests with Sacred Chrism.

Handing Over of the Bread and Wine

The Chalice and Paten that will be used at this Mass are handed to the newly ordained Priests by Archbishop Pérez on behalf of the People of God for the Celebration of the Lord’s Sacrifice.

Fraternal Kiss

Finally, Archbishop Pérez extends the Fraternal Kiss to the newly ordained Priests. This gesture is then carried out by the newly ordained Priests’ sponsors, the Pastors of their home parishes, and the Pastors of their diaconate assignment parishes.

Psalm 100

You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what I command you.
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory

I Am the Good Shepherd

Leo Nestor (1949-2019)

Cathedral Basilica Schola

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for my sheep, and I have other sheep not of this fold. These too I must lead, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

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Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Communion Rite

Lord’s Prayer

Rite of Peace

Agnus Dei/Cordero de Dios

Chant

Cor-dé-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros.

Cor-dé-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do, da-nos la paz.
Communion

**Go Into All the World and Proclaim the Gospel**  
*Peter Latona*

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**Hymn of Praise**

**Consecrate Them in the Truth**  

*Commissioned by Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill,*  
*Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia,*  
*In memory of Reverend Monsignor John J. Miller*

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**Prayer after Communion**
CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING AND SOLEMN BLESSING

THE FIRST BLESSING OF THE NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

DISMISSAL

INVOCATION TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our safeguard against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:
and you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast down to hell Satan and the other evil spirits,
who prowl through the world
for the ruin of souls. Amen.
1. O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot render die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our pay; for we can only wonder at every gift you high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or send, at blessings without number and sown—though small in mortal stature, to ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we heav’n from death has set us free, and beauty and glory in your ways, and

2. The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our pay; for we can only wonder at every gift you high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or send, at blessings without number and sown—though small in mortal stature, to ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we heav’n from death has set us free, and beauty and glory in your ways, and

3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we day and sing the love amazing that songs cannot render die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our pay; for we can only wonder at every gift you high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or send, at blessings without number and sown—though small in mortal stature, to ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we heav’n from death has set us free, and beauty and glory in your ways, and
honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
we through him are given the final victory.
make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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Saint Katharine Drexel

The Drexel household was a happy one, in a large but simple home at 1503 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Francis Anthony Drexel was hard working and a successful banking partner with his brother, Anthony. Emma M. Bouvier Drexel, his wife, proved to be very loving, faith-filled and a caring parent to their three daughters, Elizabeth, Katharine (Katie) and Louise. It was here that these young women realized that their lavish wealth was to be shared, not only with neighbors in need, but also with Missionaries throughout the world who were serving the poor and destitute.

When they moved to the Torresdale section of Philadelphia they befriended Fr. James O’Connor, pastor of the Church of Saint Dominic. Soon he was ordained a bishop and sent to Nebraska. His pastoral work to the Native Americans made it necessary for him to seek financial help from the Drexel family. Kate, now known as Katharine, who was following the plight of the native groups, saw the injustices they were suffering at the hands of the federal government. She noted as well, the severe racial injustices and torture of black people in the South, for whom she grieved. Clearly, priests were needed for both races to offer pastoral care and spiritual conversion to Christianity. On one of her final trips abroad, she begged and was granted an audience with Pope Leo XIII to make a request for missionary priests. The Holy Father, asked her to personally become a missionary which sealed her own desire to enter Religious Life. On her return to America, at the suggestion of Bishop O’Connor, she went to the Novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, PA in May, 1889, at age twenty-nine.

She entered for the purpose of founding a new congregation which would serve the Native and African American people, tending especially to their conversion to the Catholic faith. Her deep love for the Blessed Sacrament was at the heart of her mission. She would not only take the three vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience, but a 4th vow of Service to the “Indian and Black Races”. While in the Novitiate, Katharine gave focused attention to her personal religious development and even excelled, but often reflected on her past visits to the Native Americans, and to Sioux Chief Red Cloud. Her novice director, Mother Mary Inez, RSM guided her toward her goal and also helped in the formation of 10 novices and 3 postulants who would travel with her to their own Novitiate in Cornwells Heights, PA. When Mother Katharine professed her vows, February 12, 1891, in the presence of Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, the Foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament became a reality.
As a consecrated religious, Mother Katharine Drexel, SBS wasted no time in moving onward to the West and South establishing missions. By 1940, more than 30 Foundations were made in seventeen states, where 400 of her sisters were serving. These great accomplishments happened in spite of the challenges of the Great Depression, vicious activities of the KKK and the challenges of World War II. These hardships compounded with the fierce winters, long, arduous journeys which Katharine continued to make, all contributed to her declining health. Her final years came after several heart attacks which then confined her to the Motherhouse, which she called “her little Nazareth”. She lived there from her 84th year until her last breath. She died peacefully at age 96 on March 3, 1955.

“All is vanity except knowing, loving and serving God. This alone can bring peace to my soul.”

Mother Katharine lived these very words, the heart of her spirituality. The Church recognized her holiness, which was confirmed by two miracles or cures to persons not able to hear, attributed to God through her intercession. She was beatified November 20, 1988 then canonized a saint on October 1, 2000.

St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

Sister Eleanor McCann, RSM
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The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel is open for visits and prayer during Cathedral Basilica hours. Information about these hours can be found on the Cathedral Basilica website, http://cathedralphila.org/.

Pilgrimages to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel are encouraged. Outside of the parish Mass schedule, it is possible to offer Mass at the Drexel Family altar adjacent to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel.

You are welcome to present intentions and petitions to be placed at the Tomb of Saint Katharine, asking her heavenly assistance. You may place these intentions and petitions in the offering basket at Mass or send them to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

THE CATHEDRAL SHOP
Our Cathedral Shop is open on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The shop carries religious and devotional articles of Saint Katharine Drexel as well as biographies of our Philadelphia Saint. These same items in larger quantities can be ordered through our Cathedral Shop.

DEVELOPMENT FUND
The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Cathedral Basilica Parish are profoundly grateful to the Connelly Foundation for their most generous gift that provided for the translation of the sacred remains of Saint Katharine Drexel to the Cathedral Basilica, and the construction of the new Tomb. There is additional work that needs to be completed, such as the installation of new lighting and signage. Funds will also be needed to develop this new shrine location at the Cathedral Basilica. If you would like to make a contribution to this Development Fund, you may do so by mailing it to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Please see this new website, saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com, for information updates on activities surrounding the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel, for catechetical information, and media resources.