

HOLY MASS
WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS OF PENNSYLVANIA
HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

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[...] That story is seen in the many shrines which dot this city, and the many parish churches whose towers and steeples speak of God's presence in the midst of our communities. It is seen in the efforts of all those dedicated priests, religious and laity who for over two centuries have ministered to the spiritual needs of the poor, the immigrant, the sick and those in prison. And it is seen in the hundreds of schools where religious brothers and sisters trained children to read and write, to love God and neighbor, and to contribute as good citizens to the life of American society. All of this is a great legacy which you have received, and which you have been called to enrich and pass on. [...]