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Archdiocese to Offer Masses in Honor of Catholics Martyred in Yemen

ST. LOUIS – The Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrate three Masses on Monday, March 14, 2016 to honor the four sisters of the Missionaries of Charity and more than a dozen other victims who were martyred in Yemen on Friday, March 4. The massacre took place in a nursing home operated by the Missionaries of Charity, though reportedly none of the residents were harmed.

The times and locations of the Masses are as follows:

8:00 a.m. – Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (4431 Lindell, 63108)
Celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop-Emeritus

11:45 a.m. – Cardinal Rigali Center Chapel (20 Archbishop May Dr., 63119)
Celebrated by Reverend Msgr. John Shamleffer

6:00 p.m. – Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish (3636 N. Market, 63113)
Celebrated by Most Reverend Edward Rice, Auxiliary Bishop

The Missionaries of Charity have a convent in north St. Louis where they operate a soup kitchen, a night shelter for women, and an after school program for children. The sisters are anticipated to be in attendance at the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish.

These Masses are being offered as an act of solidarity and support in prayer for the Missionaries of Charity in the archdiocese and throughout the world. Even those who cannot attend are encouraged to pray for the repose of the souls of these sisters, and for all Christians who face persecution around the world.

“The Missionaries of Charity truly are the hands of Christ in our world today,” said Sr. Marysia Weber, director of the Office of Consecrated Life in the archdiocese. “Their martyrdom is a reminder that the Gospel is not welcome everywhere, but we as Christians are called to live our faith in the public square, regardless of the consequences.”

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