Almighty Father,

through the work of providence You established the Diocese of Harrisburg 'for a lasting remembrance' of the Church of Christ in south central Pennsylvania.

We thank You for the generations of faithful Catholics whose lives have witnessed to the Gospel and have made Your Son present through divine worship, by charitable works, teaching and healing.

For those who have gone before us in faith, grant an eternal place in Your heavenly kingdom.

For those who continue the ministry of the Church today, bestow Your grace and strength to remain faithful and zealous.

And, for those who will inherit the work of Your hands, accomplished in and through us, pour out Your heavenly blessing, so that what has been done with Your help in our Diocese may come to full ma-

turity in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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