

July 29, 2014
Saint Martha of Bethany

Dear Father:

As you have read in the newspapers and seen reported on the nightly news, a group called the *Dakhma of Angra Mainyu* is planning a Black Mass in Oklahoma City on Sunday, September 21st.

As a part of Satanic worship, a Black Mass attempts to invert the action and meaning of the Mass in order to mock Christ's sacrifice and worship Satan through an orgiastic ritual of pain and perversion. It blasphemes everything which we hold as sacred and redemptive; and as the Mass is efficacious because it offers true worship to the Father through the Son and by the Spirit, so we fear that a Black Mass would be effective in a negative sense by offering worship to Satan, the prince of this world.

There seems to be little response from Oklahoma City's Civic Center to the pleas of Archbishop Coakley that a tax-payer supported public venue not promote as entertainment nor expect to make a profit from outraging the religious beliefs of more than 200,000 Oklahoman Catholics. Since this is the case, I want to do what we can together to meet the dangerous challenge of Satanic worship through prayer and adoration. Prayer is our only weapon. Please pray with me - the matter at hand is serious!

I am proposing that we adapt a two pronged strategy:

FIRST we should ask God, through the intercession of Our Lady, to avert this evil. For this end, I will ask that the nine days prior to the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption (August 6 through August 14) be kept throughout the diocese as a period of prayer and penance. I hope, Father, that by your words and example you will encourage the faithful of your parish to abstain from meat in this period and, wherever possible, to fast and abstain as we do on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Let these nine days be consecrated as well by special prayers and heartfelt invocations. I am asking that every Catholic make the effort to pray one decade of the rosary and the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel in order that by Our Lady's intercession, this event might be cancelled. I am attaching to this letter a sample set of prayers. Please duplicate them and make available them - *by every means possible*.

Next, on August 15th, I would ask every priest in our diocese to join me in praying the Leonine Exorcism prayer for the safety of the people he serves. This prayer, composed by Pope Leo XIII, is to be found in the Latin 1962 *Roman Ritual*. I am having a new English translation of this prayer prepared for us and

when it is finished, I will send you a copy. This will likely be next week.

This minor exorcism is to be prayed privately and without ceremony by the pastor (and associate) standing at the altar, at whatever time may be most convenient that day. Let us ask that God deliver us from this evil and that the event be cancelled!

HOWEVER should the event not be cancelled, then I will ask every pastor and priest to organize in his parish, mission or institution a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration to co-incide (7:00 p.m.) with this blasphemous event. Wherever possible I would like to see these holy hours accompanied by outdoor Eucharistic processions. These need not be long processions; it would be enough to walk around the block or even around the perimeter of the church; but I do think we must proclaim in a public way our firm faith that creation has been redeemed by Christ who has forever broken the authority of the Evil One by his "obedience unto death."

Trusting always in the Providence of God, and invoking the intercession of Mary, whom Scripture promises will crush the head of the serpent, let us be without exception in this effort.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edward J. Slattery
Bishop of Tulsa



NOVENA PRAYERS

*For the protection of our families, our parishes
and the Diocese of Tulsa*

Bishop Slattery has asked that the period from August 6 through the 14th be kept as an extraordinary period of prayer and penance, asking that by the intercession of Our Lady the Black Mass which has been promoted in Oklahoma City might be cancelled and this blasphemy averted. Here are the prayers which the Bishop asks every Catholic to pray on each of these nine days either alone or in a group. (If prayed in a family or group, the leader takes the part printed in regular type and those with him respond with what is in bold type.)

❑ NOVENA PRAYERS

TO BE PRAYED FROM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH THROUGH THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

In the Name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May Christ Our Lord deliver us from every evil, **and defend us against this present danger.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.** *Ten times, concluding with:*

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, Oh Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

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THE "LEONINE PRAYERS"
from the 1962 Rite of Exorcism
July 29, 2014

❑ **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

O most glorious prince of the heavenly army, Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle against the principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world's darkness, against the spirits of iniquity in the heights. Come to the assistance of men, whom God has made to the image of His likeness, and (whom He) has ransomed from diabolical tyranny at a great price. The holy Church venerates you as her guardian and patron; to you the Lord has entrusted the placement of redeemed souls in heavenly joy. Entreat the God of peace, that he may crush Satan under our feet, lest he should be able to hold men captive and harm the Church further. Offer our prayers in the sight of the Most High, that they might speedily go before us unto the mercy of the Lord, and seize the dragon, the ancient serpent, he who is the Devil and Satan, and hurl him bound into the abyss, that he may no longer seduce the nations.

❑ **Exorcism Prayer**

In the name of Jesus Christ our God and Lord, with the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, with blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul and all the saints interceding, and having trusted in the sacred authority of our ministry we steadfastly undertake to repel the attacks of diabolical deception.

❑ **Psalm 67/68**

Verse: God arises, his enemies are scattered and those who hate Him flee before Him.

Response: As smoke is driven away, so are they driven; as wax melts before the fire, so do the wicked perish before God.

Verse: Behold the cross of the Lord! Be gone, you hostile powers

Response: The root of David, the Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered

Verse: May your mercies, O Lord, remain with us always;

Response: For we have placed all our hope in You.

We exorcize you, every unclean spirit, every satanic power, every incursion of the infernal adversary, every legion, every diabolical congregation and sect, in the name and power of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, to eradicate you and drive you far away from the Church of God, and from souls made to the image of God and redeemed by the Precious Blood of the divine Lamb. ✠ Do not dare further, most cunning serpent, to deceive the human race, to persecute the Church of God, to probe and sift as wheat the elect of God.

God ✠ the most high commands you, ✠ to Whom in your great pride you presume even now to liken yourself, He who desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of truth. God the Father ✠ commands you; God the Son ✠ commands you; God the Holy Spirit ✠ commands you. Christ commands you, ✠ the Eternal Word of God made flesh, Who for the salvation of our race - ruined by your envy - humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death; Who built his Church upon a firm rock and, remaining with her all days even unto the end of the world, determined that the gates of hell would never prevail against her.

The sign of the Cross commands you, ✠ and the power of all the mysteries of the Christian faith. The glorious Virgin Mary, ✠ the Mother of God, commands you, she who from the first instant of her Immaculate Conception has in her humility crushed your most arrogant head. The faith of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the other Apostles ✠ commands you. The blood of the martyrs commands ✠ you, as well as the holy intercession of all the men and women saints.

Therefore, foul-mouthed dragon, and every diabolical legion, we adjure you by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by God, Who so loved the world, that He gave his only-begotten Son, that all who believe in Him might not perish, but have eternal life: cease deceiving human creatures and offering them to drink the venom of eternal damnation; cease doing harm to the Church and setting snares to her liberty.

Be gone, Satan, fabricator and master of all falsehood, you the enemy of human salvation. Give way to Christ, in whom you have found nothing of your works; give way to the one, holy, catholic and Apostolic Church, whom Christ Himself has purchased by his blood. Cast yourself down beneath the mighty hand of God; tremble and flee at the holy and fearsome name of Jesus which we invoke, and before Whom hell trembles, Whom the Cherubim and Seraphim praise with unwearied voices, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Verse: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Response: And let my cry come unto you.

Verse: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

❑ **Final Prayer:**

Let us pray.

○ God of heaven God of earth, God of the angels, God of the archangels, God of Patriarchs, God of Prophets God of Apostles, God of martyrs, God of confessors, God of virgins, God who has power to grant life after death, rest after labor, for there is no god besides You, nor could there be any god but You; the Creator of all things visible and invisible, of whose kindgom there shall be no end: we humbly implore your glorious Majesty, that by your power You might vouchsafe to deliver us and preserve us unharmed from every power, snare, deception and evil of the infernal spirits.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From the snares of the devil, *deliver us, O Lord.*

That you may make your Church secure to serve you in freedom, *we beseech you, hear us.*

That you may vouchsafe to humble the enemies of the holy Church, *we beseech you, hear us.*

The place should also be sprinkled with blessed water.