

Congregation of St. Pius V

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

On October 3, 1789, President George Washington signed a proclamation establishing the first national Thanksgiving Day in the United States. He designated Thursday, November 26, as a day to be set aside "to the service of that great and glorious Being Who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." He further called upon the American people to observe that day "by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God." Thus, from the very beginning, Thanksgiving was intended above all to be a day of giving thanks to God.

During November, and especially as we approach Thanksgiving, we should take time to count our blessings and reflect upon how much we have received from Almighty God. One of the best ways to show our gratitude to God is to resist the temptation to complain when something we want is lacking or when events do not go as we would prefer. Instead of yielding to frustration, let us accept these difficulties with resignation to God's holy Will and offer them to Him as a small act of love and thanksgiving. A grateful heart remembers not only what God has given but also trusts Him when He asks us to bear a cross.

As we thank Almighty God, let us also not forget the gratitude we owe our neighbor. We do this, of course, by acknowledging favors, but we can especially foster a spirit of gratitude by praying for those who have helped us in some way. Offering a little prayer each day for our benefactors is a most valuable way of thanking them. This is true not only of the living benefactors who have done us some good but also of those who have gone before us. Since November is dedicated to the Poor Souls in Purgatory, let us remember our deceased benefactors in a special way. Many of them may have assisted us through their prayers, sacrifices, generosity, or other acts of kindness. Now it is our turn to assist them. By offering prayers and sacrifices for them, we can help relieve their sufferings in Purgatory and hasten their entrance into the eternal happiness of Heaven.



Praying for the Repose of Bishop Kelly
During the Octave of All Souls' Day

With this in mind, we remember with gratitude Bishop Kelly and all that he did to help preserve the Catholic Faith in the difficult years following Vatican II. He spent countless hours traveling throughout the country, ensuring that as many Catholics

as possible had access to the true Mass and valid Sacraments. He went wherever he was needed, often at great personal sacrifice. He also understood that the work of saving souls could not end with his own efforts. For this reason, he established the Congregation of Saint Pius V so that priests and religious would continue to be formed according to the mind of the Church and be ready to serve Catholics for generations to come. We owe him a great debt of gratitude. The seminarians recently visited his grave to pray for the repose of his soul and to remember the sacrifices he made. In many ways, we are enjoying today the fruits of the work he began so many years ago. Please remember him, especially this coming December 2, the third anniversary of his death.

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support. Immaculate Heart Seminary would not be what it is today without the spiritual and temporal assistance of its benefactors. Please know that you are remembered in our daily prayers. May you and your families have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

In the Sacred Heart,

+James Carroll, C.S.P.V

The Most Reverend James Carroll, C.S.P.V



Bishop Mendez lays hands on Bishop Kelly's head during Bishop Kelly's consecration in 1993.



Bishop Kelly imposes hands with Bishop Santay during the consecration of Bishop Carroll in 2018.



Bishop Kelly consecrates Bishop Santay in 2007.