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**The Catholic Diocese of Charleston Begins Fortnight for Freedom  
with a Special Mass & Eucharistic Procession**

GREENVILLE (June 21, 2014) – The Catholic Diocese of Charleston began its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fortnight for Freedom celebration today. The Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston, celebrated a special Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. It was followed by a Eucharistic Procession on church grounds.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designated June 21 – July 4 as Fortnight for Freedom, a 14-day period of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom. The theme of this year's event is "Freedom to Serve" and focuses on how religious freedom enables robust service to the poor and the vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Catholic Church's teachings. The Diocese of Charleston is joining dioceses from all over the country with events to focus on the Christian vocation and American liberty that allows people to follow their faith without persecution. "Through the many ministries of the Church we seek to serve the whole person, body and soul," said Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone. "We are called by Christ not only to proclaim the Gospel, but also to care for the physical needs of the community. Fortnight for Freedom allows us to be mindful of this responsibility and to make sure that we never take our religious freedom for granted."

The first Fortnight for Freedom event was held in Charleston in June 2012. It was held in Columbia in June 2103.

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