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### **Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, to celebrate Mass of Dedication for the new St. Clare of Assisi Church on Daniel Island**

**WHAT:** Mass of Dedication

**WHERE:** St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church  
990 Etiwan Park Street, Daniel Island

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m.

**WHY:** St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church was established April 20, 2014, with 400 members. The parish has grown to 3,000 parishioners and serves the Daniel Island and Cainhoy communities. The new church boasts a Neo-Gothic architectural style and seats 850 people on two levels.

Its features include:

- A main tower and spire that reaches 180 feet, one of the highest in Charleston.
- A bell tower that contains 26 new bells cast in France, making it Charleston's second-largest bell installation.
- Twelve 120-year-old stained-glass windows made by the famous Franz Mayer Studios in Munich, Germany; they were purchased from the now-closed convent of the Sisters of St. Francis in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- A four-manual, 100-rank organ built in Tennessee.

Father H. Gregory West, JCL, the founding pastor, led the effort to build the new worship space. The "Blessed to Build" capital campaign launched in 2018 with a \$14 million goal. The goal was surpassed in 18 months, becoming the most successful capital campaign in the history of the Diocese of Charleston.

#### **ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON**

Founded in 1820, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston is comprised of 114 parishes and missions, 32 Catholic schools, and over 350,000 people. It encompasses the state of South Carolina.

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