Memo

Date: October 18, 2024

To: Priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, Chancery staff

From: Maureen Smith, director, Office of Communications

Re: Update—Countering planned satanic event in Atlanta

The Archdiocese of Atlanta was made aware that the satanic temple of Atlanta has scheduled a so-called Black Mass for Friday, October 25, at "MJQ Concourse / The Drunken Unicorn" on 736 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE in Atlanta.

Even though tickets are being sold for this event as if it were merely some sort of dark entertainment, this satanic ritual is a serious sacrilege. It is a blasphemous and obscene inversion of the Catholic Mass. Using a consecrated host they claim they obtained illicitly from a Catholic church and desecrating it in the vilest ways imaginable, the practitioners offer it in sacrifice to Satan.

This terrible sacrilege is a deliberate attack on the Catholic Mass as well as the foundational beliefs of all Christians. It mocks our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we Catholics believe is truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist when it has been consecrated by a validly ordained priest.

I am calling on all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Atlanta to face this attack to our faith through prayer, penance and prayers of reparation. I am asking that each parish conduct a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction to honor the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, ideally on Friday, October 25, at 9:00 p.m., or between now and October 25 as an act of reparation to this proposed sacrilege.

We commend our efforts to the Lord through the loving intercession of Mary, the Mother of God.

Website with more information: https://www.mjqofficial.com/events/tstoa-blackmass

Update:

Below are reviewed prayers of reparation:

English

<u>Spanish</u>