



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Reverend Basile N. Sede  
Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church  
2301 Statesville Avenue  
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Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I write to offer you my support and solidarity as we celebrate Black History Month. I am grateful for the witness you give to your Catholic faith here in the Diocese of Charlotte, particularly during the unprecedented times of the past year.

As we celebrate the heritage of Black Catholics in western North Carolina, we are inspired by the venerable witness of historically African-American parishes and missions, which includes the present parishes and missions of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Charlotte, Saint Helen Catholic Mission in Spencer Mountain, Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic Church in Winston-Salem, Saint Mary Catholic Church in Greensboro, and Christ the King Catholic Church in High Point. These parishes and missions have a distinguished history of faith which pre-dates by decades the founding of the Diocese of Charlotte!

As the faithful of the diocese acknowledge and commemorate Black History Month, may you continue the good work begun by past generations, by witnessing to your Catholic faith, proclaiming the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ in word and deed, and pointing out to everyone the way to eternal life and the glory of heaven.

Please be assured of my best wishes and my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

*+ Peter J. Jugis*

Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis  
Bishop of Charlotte