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Diocese of Green Bay to observe 2nd annual Fortnight for Freedom

GREEN BAY, Wis. (June 11, 2013) – The U.S. bishops, including Bishop David L. Ricken, have called for a Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period of prayer, study and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty at home and abroad.

Diocesan events during Fortnight for Freedom

- Mass celebrated by Bishop David L. Ricken on Friday, June 21, at 7:45 a.m. at St. Joseph Chapel on the diocesan campus at 1825 Riverside Drive, Green Bay
- Let Freedom Ring Rally on Friday, June 21, at 12 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse, Green Bay
- Independence Day Mass on Thursday, July 4, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay

Bishop Ricken is calling on Catholic institutions and people of other faiths to join the national effort to defend religious freedom. He is asking parishes or clusters of parishes to choose a date during the Fortnight for Freedom – June 21 to July 4 – for special local events that would complement the U.S. bishops' national campaign of teaching and witness for religious liberty.

Several domestic threats to our first and most cherished freedom include:

- the Aug. 1, 2013, deadline for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate
- Supreme Court rulings that could redefine marriage in June
- religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services

For more information on the Fortnight for Freedom, please visit www.gbdioc.org/fortnight.

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Who we are: The Catholic Diocese of Green Bay works to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by helping people in need and by providing academic, leadership and spiritual formation opportunities to parish and school leaders. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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