

# “A JOURNEY TOWARD PEACE”



St. Joseph Cathedral  
Columbus, Ohio

Good Friday, April 6, 2007  
Walking Stations of the Cross



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# GUIDELINES

1. *Please stay on the sidewalks when traveling between each of the stations and cross only at the crosswalks, obeying the police escorts. On some sidewalks, it will be necessary to walk two by two.*
2. *When we arrive at each station location, gather as closely to the station as is comfortably possible. Because certain places will be open for daily business, do not block entrances and sidewalks.*
3. *Stick with the crowd. Do not wander off, go apart from, far behind or far in front of the main group, and walk at a good pace. Stay with your group and near your adult leader.*
4. *Walk in silence or sing the processional song between stations. (This may be hard, but it creates an atmosphere of prayer.)*
5. *In case of an emergency, contact your adult leader. If you cannot locate your leader, find another adult who will get you assistance as soon as possible.*

***Following these simple guidelines will help to insure a prayerful experience for all.***

**All: Jesus, by the power of your spirit, who lives within each of us, help us to live each day fully and attentively. Keep us from wasting our lives, for our time to make a difference on earth is short. Free us from chronic complaining and help us to see the abundant blessings that surround us. Teach us to love.**

## **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** There are reasons why thunder thunders, why lightning strikes, why snow snows, why earthquakes quake, why people die—we must accept these as some sort of miracle of Jesus. Jesus is special, and so is life. So if we live our life like Jesus, we too shall be special. Doubts about faith naturally happen when tragedies shred our faith. But that's what's so special about belief in Jesus and the way. Belief helps us know in our heart that what happens can lead to good. And we must try to understand as much as we can, and stay thirsty.

## **Sending**

**Leader:** Keep your thirst for Jesus.  
Search and you will find.  
Search for Him in every  
corner of the earth.  
Search for Him in your home.  
Search for Him in your heart.  
Search for Him in your church.  
Go forth, and search!

**STATION 14: Jesus Is Laid In The Tomb**  
Westerville St. Paul

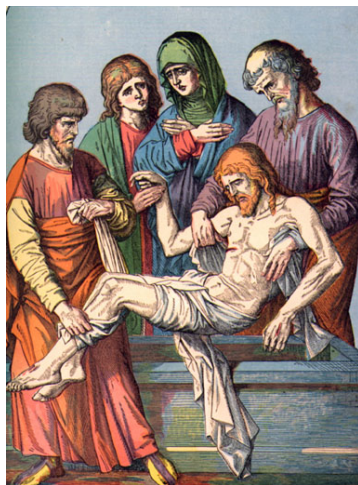
**Site:** St. Joseph Cathedral  
Courtyard

**Focus:** The Church

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless You.

**All:** For by your Holy Cross You  
have redeemed the world.

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew  
27: 57-61 (The Burial of Jesus)



**Leader:** Lord Jesus, it must  
have seemed so final to your friends and followers  
when your body was laid in the tomb. Death and evil  
had won. Today when we bury someone we love, we  
sometimes feel like death has won again. But the truth  
is that death is not the winner. It's not even the enemy!  
Rather, death is part of life and is on the road we all  
must travel on our journey home to you.

**All:** Forgive me, Lord, for failing to recognize  
what an absolutely precious gift all of life is. Each  
of us is a unique, irreplaceable child of God. Yet  
sometimes I am too blind to see the value we all  
have. Forgive me for taking life for granted, as if  
people, the world, you, or even life itself owes me  
something. Life is, after all, a God-given gift.  
Forgive me for the many times I complain of being  
bored. Help me choose to get involved and make a  
difference in the world.

**Silent Reflection:** In what ways do you see life as a  
gift? In what ways is it a burden? How can you take  
more responsibility for your life's direction and  
happiness?

## WELCOME

*On behalf of the Office of Youth and Young Adult  
Ministry and the Office for Social Concerns of the  
Catholic Diocese of Columbus, welcome to our  
Walking Stations of the Cross. As we experience the  
Triduum, the great three days in our salvation history,  
we deliberately recall Christ's walk to Golgotha along  
the via Dolorosa. We recall our Savior's words calling  
each of us to bear our cross and come after Him.*

*Youth Ministry groups from throughout the diocese  
have prepared these reflections linking each station  
with the suffering Christ found in the many trials of our  
brothers and sisters in our own community. We are  
asked to have courage and walk in solidarity with those  
struggling with the crosses of illness, hunger,  
homelessness and poverty. We also recognize our  
own sinfulness and need for conversion, both as  
individuals and as a people, so that we might be  
strengthened to act justly, love tenderly, and walk  
humbly with our God.*

*We would like to thank all of those who have been  
involved in the planning of the walk and preparation of  
reflections, and to all those who provided assistance of  
any kind.*

*Supported by our faith in Christ's resurrection, "A  
JOURNEY TOWARD PEACE" is an expression of  
hope that the violence and injustice in our world and in  
our own lives will be redeemed.*

*We pray in Christ Jesus that all who participate in this  
walk will experience a deepening of faith, an increase  
in hope and a zeal for loving others. **Amen.***

**STATION 1: Jesus Is Condemned To Death**  
**Portsmouth St. Mary**

**Site: Faith Mission**  
**Focus: Homelessness**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

**Opening Prayer:**

We pray for social justice, for the alleviation of the crippling poverty that condemns millions of people around the world to lives of misery - hungry, sick, and utterly without hope. We pray for the children who are starving and who are condemned to homelessness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:1-7

Reflection

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 10: 29-37

Intentions

**Response: Give us the strength to stand up to help the homeless and poor.**

**Reader 2:**

Jesus, the Prince of Peace is the only One who can give us unshakable peace in a world of turmoil. All we need to do is look toward the cross.

Peace is a gift of death endured, of the struggle for justice sought after, of forgiveness rendered to friend and enemy alike. Peace is the gift of resistance continued, of the cross embraced, of people welcomed into our lives. Peace is a gift given to us today. In the body of the crucified, in the sufferings of the poor, and in the way of the cross.

**Prayer (All):**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
when there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**Amen**

(The Prayer of St. Francis)

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.

**STATION 13: Jesus Is Taken From The Cross**  
**Diocesan Youth Council**

**Site: State Capital Veteran's Plaza**

**Focus: Peace**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You.

**All: For by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.**

**Reader 1:**

What did Jesus have to show for his life when it ended?

Many of his friends abandoned him for fear that they too might be killed. Some watched from a distance. Only a few companions remained to take him down from the cross and to bury him, quickly, before the sun went down.

All that Jesus took to the grave was the certainty that he had done the will of God. He came among us to give life and give it more abundantly and he fulfilled that mission.



We all have that same reason for living. How will we know if our lives have been worthwhile? Will others remember us for our mercy, our kindness, or honesty, or compassion, our faithfulness? Have we in other words done the will of God?

We pray for all those who are homeless that you will keep them safe and healthy during their time of trials and tribulations. **Response**

We pray for all those in our world who can offer help and assistance to those who are homeless but refuse to do so. **Response**

We pray for the Good Samaritans in our world that you will continue to pour your Holy Spirit upon them to give them the strength necessary to stand up and fight for your children. **Response**

We pray for our government that they enact laws and policies that will help end the cycle of poverty and homelessness in our country. **Response**

We pray for all those who are suffering from poverty and homelessness throughout the world because of war and natural disasters that they can keep their faith while facing **Response**

**Closing Prayer:**

O Saint Margaret of Cortona, patron saint of the homeless, help us to be humbly disposed to repair the harm we have done by actively and generously serving the poor, the sick, and all who are marginalized and without hope. Guide us with the strength of your example, support us with your constant protection, be our companion we beg you, till we reach our Father's house. Amen (Closing prayer from Pope John Paul II )

**Processional Song:**

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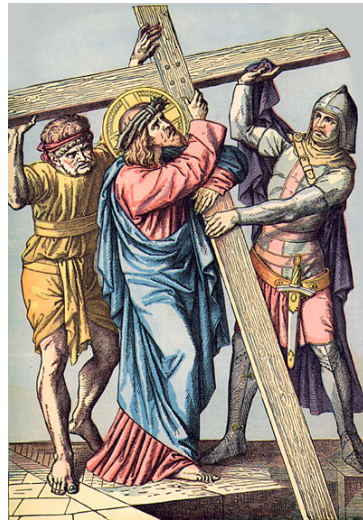
**STATION 2: Jesus Is Made to Carry His Cross**  
**New Philadelphia Sacred Heart**

**Site: Salesian Center**  
**Focus: Youth In The City**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

**Reader 1:** Jesus has been beaten and mocked by the Roman guards. Now a huge, heavy beam is laid brutally on his shoulders. Jesus carries the great weight of sin as he begins his journey to Gogotha, where they will crucify him. He bears it willingly, for love bears all things.



**Music Meditation:** Strength for the Journey

**Reader 2:** Think for a moment about the cross you are carrying. Think about the crosses that people all around you carry. There are those crosses that you know about: anxieties, siblings, parents, school. But there are those that you don't know about: poverty, starvation, abuse, illness. God gives us strength for the journey, as he did with Jesus, but how can we stand up and be the living flesh example of that strength and love?

**STATION 12: Jesus Is Raised On The Cross And Dies**  
**Columbus Parroquia Santa Cruz**

**Site: State Capital**  
**Focus: The Death Penalty**



**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom

**All: Help us, Lord, to make sacrifices to help others instead of only thinking of ourselves.**

**Reader #3:** I need to spend all my time at the mall – I could shop *forever!* (*holds up shopping bags*)

**Leader:** Pope John Paul II said that the more we have, the more we want, but our deeper desires are unsatisfied.

**All: Jesus, we thank You for Your love and generosity toward us. We are sorry for the times when we have nailed you to the cross with our selfishness and consumerism. Help us to learn to give freely and to focus on others, and to be satisfied with You. Help us to be generous with our money, time, and possessions. Amen.**

(Summaries from book, *Welcoming the New Millennium: Wisdom from Pope John Paul II*)

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom

**Reader 3**

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6

“I, then a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

**Music Meditation:** Strength for the Journey

**Closing Prayer:** Jesus, I may be young but I have already learned that life brings many challenges and burdens. In a way these burdens are the crosses that all people must carry through life. I see you carry your cross out of love. Help me see a purpose in the cross I am carrying today. Help me find a loving way to bring good out of this cross. Amen

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.

**STATION 3: Jesus Falls For the First Time**  
**Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Site: Grant Hospital**  
**Focus: Illness and Disabilities**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

**Leader:** Lord, it seems to me, that as God, You would have carried Your cross without faltering, but You did not. You fell beneath it's weight to show us You understand we are not perfect. Disabilities and illnesses are a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to participate in or contribute to society. Help us to show others that reaching out to You in faith is the path to eternal life.



**Scripture Reading: Luke 5:17- 26**

**Leader:** Lord, You are there to help pick us up. Please help us all to recognize that we all fall at times. Help us to help those who struggle with day to day activities because of physical or mental disabilities. Help us to be someone who is

**STATION 11: Jesus Is Nailed To The Cross**  
**Whitehall Holy Spirit**

**Site: City Center Mall**  
**Focus: Consumerism**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

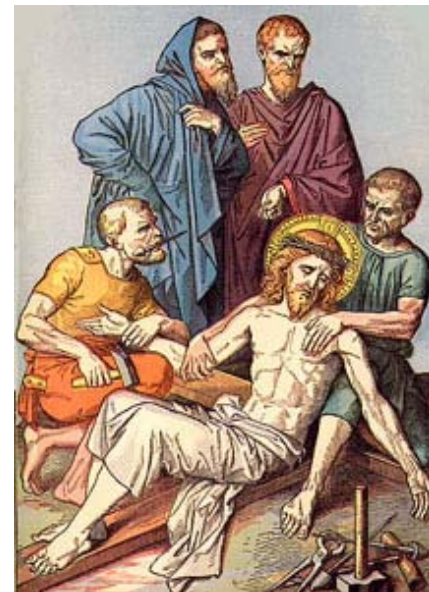
**Reader #1:** I *have* to have all the latest fashions! (*holds up catalog*)

**Leader:** Pope John Paul II said that just accumulating things is not enough for human happiness.

**All: Help us, Lord, to remember that it is You who make us happy and satisfy us.**

**Reader #2:** My car works fine, but it's so old – I need to upgrade! (*holds up car keys*)

**Leader:** Pope John Paul II said that if we want to love Christ in the poor, we must have a change of lifestyle and consumption.



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**STATION 10: Jesus Is Stripped Of His Garments**  
**Zanesville St. Nicholas**

**Site: Franklin County Courthouse**  
**Focus: Justice**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You.

**All:** For by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.



supportive and not someone who judges. Let us help others by showing our faith in You so that you can reach out to all. Let us go out of our way to help others. And so in quiet humility we place our petitions before you.

Let us all respond:

**All:** “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For all that fall under the weight of the cross, be helped by the faith of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who are suffering from illnesses, disease or accidents, may they be healed by the love of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

For all those, both young and old, who may be disabled or suffering from disease, we pray that you be healed and made whole, sooner rather than later. We pray to the Lord.

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom. Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.

**Processional Song:**

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**STATION 4: Jesus Meets His Mother  
Columbus St. Mary**

**Site: Former Site of an Abortion Clinic  
Focus: Abortion**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**All: For by Your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Leader:** There is no deeper relationship than that of mother and child. They belong together. When one suffers, the other suffers. To love and defend one means to love and defend the other. To be pro-life means to serve both the child and the mother. It means to ask our society, "Why can't we love them both?"

**Leader:** Jesus, as You gazed with love and sympathy upon Your grieving mother. Perhaps You felt gratitude for the nurturing she gave You as a child, including the nine months You spent in her womb. How close the ties between mother and son, and more so, between this Mother and Son. What a precious gift for both, this intimacy, especially in this time of trial.



**STATION 9: Jesus Falls For The Third Time  
Columbus Our Lady of Victory / Columbus St. Christopher**

**Site: Franklin County Department of Job  
and Family Services  
Focus: Poverty, Welfare**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You.

**All: For by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.**



The federal government says a family of four earning \$19,971 or less a year is living in poverty. But how far does \$19,971 go in America today? How do you budget? What do you leave out?

\$19,971 minus the costs of housing, utilities, transportation, food, health care and childcare leaves this family \$1,601 over their budget and they still don't have everything they need.

What do they leave out? Toiletries, school supplies, shoes, clothes, Christmas gifts, life insurance, furnishings, recreation, cleaning supplies, entertainment, birthday gifts?

"The Son of Man will say to the righteous, Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me . . . Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me." Mt. 25:31-45

Dear God,  
In the life of the poor, we see reflected the life of the Christ. Help us to keep Jesus Christ in our hearts so that we can recognize his face in every human being and respond to their needs in love. Amen.

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.

**STATION 8: Women Of Jerusalem Weep**  
**Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Site: Park Near Greyhound Bus Station**  
**Focus: Runaways; Refugees**



**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

**Speaker 1:** Jesus continues his long trek on the road to Calvary. He is worn from his journey and the cross weighs heavy on his back. As he walks, women fall to his feet weeping and mourning to see their savior in such pain.

**Speaker 2:** Jesus stops to speak with the women. He tells them not to cry for him, his suffering is almost over and a great reward awaits him. Jesus tells the women to go home, do not mourn for his death but instead care for those still with them. Christ wants the women to go home and help those that they can. He tells them to put their energies into caring for their children and the sick in their towns.

**Speaker 3:** This is also what Jesus calls us to do today. We rejoice that our Savior is waiting for us in Heaven, and while we are here on earth it is our duty to care for those in need. At this eighth station, Jesus challenges us to find ways to help those less fortunate than us. The refugees and run-a-ways that exist in our world are our responsibility. Let us take on this task and care for them as Jesus would have.

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom

**All: O Lord, may this most stirring encounter move the heart of every pregnant woman to love and nurture the child she is privileged to hold within, to birth, to intimacy, to an eternal encounter with Jesus.**

**Leader:** O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word."

**Leader:** Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will.

**All: Hail Mary**

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.

**STATION 5: Simon Carries the Cross**  
**Gahanna St. Matthew**

**Site: Nazareth Towers**  
**Focus: Elderly**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**All:** For by Your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

**Narrator:** We reflect on the elderly.

More than 36 million people in the United States are over the age of 65. The majority of them are economically independent, active, and healthy, and 81 percent live in their own homes. Millions have part-time or full-time jobs or volunteer their time working for important causes.

Despite these facts, individuals over 65 are affected by ageist attitudes, and some experience direct discrimination. Ageism is prejudice against people based solely on age. The term is sometimes used about young people, but it is generally associated with older people. Prejudice and rejection are based largely on misconceptions and myths about the elderly.



**Speaker 4** Both of the programs here are staffed by volunteers. They make this program work. Almost all of the food is donated. There is one young man who makes a dozen or more sandwiches every week and brings them here.

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread.

**Reading** Luke 3:11- "He Replied to them, "The one who has two shirts **must** share with someone who has none, and then the one who has food **must** do the same.

**Reflection** Each person, each family can and must do something to alleviate hunger by adopting a lifestyle and consumption compatible with the gospel. Some argue that hunger should be addressed only from a standpoint of justice, meaning advocacy to the government in an effort to bring about systemic change. Then there are those that argue that God calls the faith community primarily to perform acts of mercy rather than engage in advocacy. Hunger is not an either or proposition. It is a God issue an issue for individuals, families, churches and governments. Addressing hunger from a faith perspective is not an either or proposition when it comes to justice and mercy. It is both a perspective and a proposition. (Skit on America's spending priorities.) Do you give freely as Jesus gives to you, without expectation for personal gain or reward? How do you share your abundance with those who do not have the means to repay you...the hungry, the poor, the disadvantaged, the uneducated, the sick? Generosity demands a measure of self-sacrifice. It doesn't impoverish, but rather enriches the soul of the giver. True generosity springs forth from a heart full of mercy and compassion. We cannot out give God in his generosity towards us. I ask you again, do you give freely of the gifts God has given you without expectation for personal gain or reward. Let us pray. Lord fills us with gratitude for your unboundless love and mercy towards us. Purify our love for others that we may seek their good rather than our own benefit or gain. Free us to love as you love. Amen.

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread.

**Processional Song:**

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom.

**STATION 7: Jesus Falls For The Second Time**  
**Black Catholic Ministries Office**

**Site: St. Lawrence Haven**  
**Focus: Hunger, Poverty**

**Leader:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You. **All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**



**Speaker 1** In November of 2006 Pope Benedict XVI said the following, "In our families we teach the little ones to thank the Lord always before eating, with a brief prayer and the sign of the cross. This custom must be kept or rediscovered, because it teaches [us] not to take our "daily bread" for granted but to recognize in it a gift of Providence. We should get into the habit of blessing the Creator for each thing: for air and water, precious elements which are the foundation of life on our planet; as well as for food that, through the fecundity of the earth, God gives us for our sustenance. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, asking the heavenly Father not for "my" but for "our" daily bread. Thus he wanted every man to feel co-responsible for his brothers, so that no one would be without what is necessary to live. The earth's products are a gift given by God "for the whole human family." **All: Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Speaker 2** Now we are gathered at St. Lawrence Haven. This is the primary Food Ministry of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. 91,572 hungry people or an average of 373 hungry people are served food here daily. **All: Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Speaker 3** Here lunches are provided to ANYONE who needs one, without any proof of need. This is assuming there is enough food to give. The Haven had to close its doors early 7 times last year because they did not have enough food to feed all of the hungry people. **All: Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Speaker 4** In addition to the Haven there is also a Saturday Pantry Program Here that delivers bags of groceries to the very needy people living on the west side of town. Last year over 22,189 hungry people were served. Over a third of these hungry people are children and senior citizens. Our government has a new term "food insecure". The families served only know they are hungry often. **All: Give us this day our daily bread.**

Not only are the elderly discriminated against, but between 1 and 2 million older people deal with the incidence of elder abuse. These individuals have been injured, exploited, or mistreated by someone they depended on for their care. This abuse is sometimes referred to as "the secret national crisis" and people need to be much more aware of this terrible injustice.

**Let us pray:**

**Lord God, of all the citizens in our nation, the elderly are often people that go unnoticed. Help us to recognize that old age is a gift from you. Help us to treat the elderly with respect. Open our hearts so that we may learn from the experiences they have had throughout their Christian lives. We ask this in Your Name, O Lord. Amen.**

**Processional Song:**

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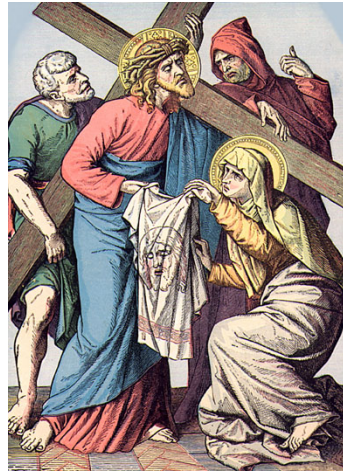
**STATION 6: Veronica Wipes The Face of Jesus  
Columbus St. Peter**

**Site: Holy Cross Church  
Focus: Discrimination;  
Multiculturalism**

**Leader: We adore you, O  
Christ, and we praise You.**

**All: Because by Your holy  
cross, You have  
redeemed the world.**

Reflection #1



**All: Suffering Jesus, we all have special needs. Some are more obvious than others. Why do we make up for our own inadequacy by making others suffer for theirs? Lord, grant me Veronica's compassion to truly walk with those whose physical or mental needs are more evident. Fill us with Veronica's courage to intervene when others ridicule and embarrass. Help us to wipe their faces with love.**

Reflection #2

**All: Great God, we all come from different backgrounds. Loving creator, we all bear the color of some race. Faithful Teacher, we all represent some culture. Divine Master, isn't that one of Your blessings that we share in our common humanity? Isn't that part of the giftedness you ask us to bring to the table of human life? Help us Lord to open our eyes and hearts to each culture's good, to the strength of each race. Oh God, bring Veronicas into our lives that can wipe away the weaknesses that every human endures and that keep us from coming together as one.**

Reflection #3

**All: Lord, Veronica didn't consider her state in society, when she approached Jesus. Oh God, Jesus didn't turn from the attention of someone in a lower class. Loving Lord, we are all at different stages on the journey to your Kingdom. Help us to remember how we ourselves have grown. Give us Veronica's patience in accepting those at a different place on the walk. Grant us humility to learn from those older. Fill us with Veronica's generosity to help those younger or weaker than us.**

Reflection #4

**All: Lord, it's so hard to see the "real" person behind whatever clothes they wear or "things" they own. Sometimes there is so much "stuff", we can't determine what's true. Other times there is so little, we decide there's nothing there at all. Suffering Jesus, Veronica didn't decide her connection to you by what you did or didn't have. She saw you hurting and came to connect in whatever way she could – even a simple wipe of a cloth. She knew that underneath the dirt and sweat and cross, there was her Savior. Give us Veronica's eyes!**

**Processional Song:**

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