



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 30, 2024

Dear Brother Knights,

On Monday, November 11, the Diocese of Venice will observe Veterans Day with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Amphitheater at the Sarasota National Cemetery. This is the 15th year the Mass has been held in recognition of the veterans of the Armed Forces in the United States. The Mass will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the opening ceremonies to take place at 2:45 p.m.

This day is a reminder of the many sacrifices made by veterans to ensure the freedoms we continue to enjoy today. Men and women who went off to war left behind families and friends, homes, careers, and a comfortable life. Some have paid the ultimate price with their lives and may have found their rest in the Sarasota National Cemetery.

It is my pleasure to invite all Knights, their wives, families, and friends to attend the Mass on Veterans Day in honor of the deceased veterans and to pray for the repose of their souls as well as for the intentions of living veterans.

This important celebration involves a great deal of planning and organization both before and on the day of the Mass. I kindly request that you consider providing help wherever possible, and humbly seek the Councils' assistance by providing financial support. Thank you!

I also take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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