



Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Spalding Pastoral Center

419 NE Madison Avenue

Peoria, IL 61603

309.671.1550

From the Office of Divine Worship

This past spring, the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois began praying the Prayer to St. Michael at the end of every Mass. Several priests and faithful of the Diocese of Peoria asked Bishop Jenky if a similar practice could be implemented in our diocese. Bishop Jenky is happy to give his permission and encouragement for this devotion. While not requiring parishes to take on this traditional devotion, pastors may consider adding the prayer to St. Michael during the time of meditation after Communion or after the prayer after Communion, before the final blessing. On Masses without a recessional hymn, the devotion could be added after the dismissal. As various translations/versions of the prayer are common, pastors might also consider providing holy cards so that a common text is prayed in their parishes.