

**THE SOLEMN INSTALLATION OF THE TOMB OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
IN THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AT THE TOMB

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father,
you sent your Son to show us the way to you.
His death on the cross gives us the grace and example
to lay down our lives with him for your praise
and in the service of others.
With the aid of the Holy Spirit,
you pour into our hearts the gifts to imitate your Son in all things.

From the time of the Apostles to our own time,
you have called all who belong to your Son in Baptism
to the holiness of the saints,
with a fidelity to the Gospel and as members of your Kingdom.

Today, we give you great thanks
for the placement of the sacred remains of one of your saints
in this Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.
We rejoice to have before us the relics of Saint Katharine Drexel
that unite us with your holy one in glory.

We come to you, Heavenly Father,
from all over the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and beyond,
with the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament,
the beloved daughters of Saint Katharine Drexel,
and with all assembled here
to proclaim your greatness in this Philadelphia Saint.

May we always benefit from her heavenly prayers
and one day join Saint Katharine Drexel with all the angels and saints in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.