



ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND
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Office of the Archbishop

September 16, 2014

Dear Friends in Christ and Our Lady,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The 8th Annual Rosary Bowl Northwest is coming up on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion in Salem. I want to encourage you and your family to attend this grace-filled event.

We are blessed to have this annual celebration in the Archdiocese of Portland, and I thank the organizers for their generosity and dedication in planning and organizing it. I am especially pleased that prayers will be offered for the sanctity of marriage and family life, since this is such an important pastoral priority.

Confessions will be heard starting at 9:00 a.m., and the Rosary Bowl Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. Mass is followed by the rosary and a brief meditation. The schedule provides an excellent opportunity to fulfill the First Saturday devotion, which I have been promoting in connection with the consecration of the Archdiocese of Portland to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima.

Calendar commitments prevent me from attending the Rosary Bowl Northwest this year, but I assure you of my prayerful solidarity. Bishop Ken Steiner has graciously agreed to be with you in my stead, and he will serve as the main celebrant and homilist for the Holy Mass.

Asking the Lord's blessings upon you all, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon