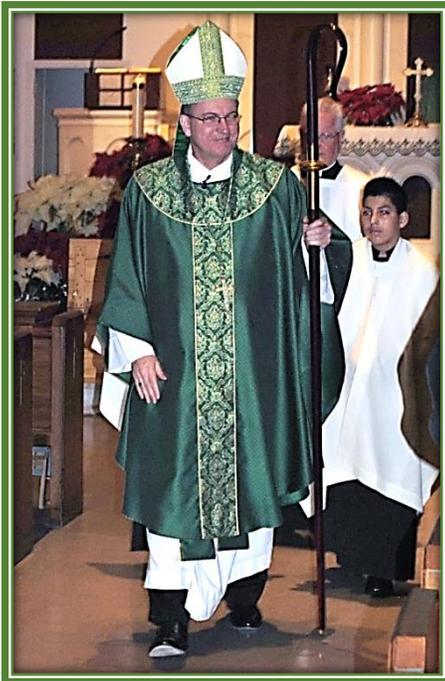




# THE ALMIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US



The Almighty has done great things for us, and the Year 2017 saw many of those great things take place in our absolutely beautiful church, some of which took place with help from our Bishops.

It all began on 5 February 2017 when the **Most Reverend John O. Barres** came home for the 8:00 A.M. Mass; his first Sunday Mass as Bishop of Rockville Centre! What a blessing for our Parish!!! Just about two months later, on 13 April 2017, after our Ash Wednesday entry into the Holy Season of Lent (which this year will occur on 14 February 2018), it was **Bishop Brennan** who *came home* to offer the evening *Mass of the Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday. And, before he took the cathedra in the Diocese of Cleveland, Our Holy Redeemer welcomed home **Bishop Perez** for *V Encuentro* and the centenary celebration of Our Lady of Fatima on 13 May 2017; an event that was well-covered in the Long Island Catholic, from whence we received this photograph (left) courtesy of Mr. Gregory Schemitz.



The year would not have been complete without a visit (in fact three visits) from Our Holy Redeemer's good friend **Bishop Andrzej**. On 17 October and 21 November 2017 he delivered the first two of four *Catechism through Liturgy* lectures, and on 26 October 2017 he came home to seal 47 young people from the Our Holy Redeemer School of Religious Education with the Holy Spirit during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



What great things does the Almighty have in store for us in 2018? While Bishop Andrzej plans to *come home* for two more presentations on *Catechism through Liturgy* on dates yet to be determined, he assured me: "I will be back" on 3 February 2018, when Our Holy Redeemer Parish will solemnly celebrate our 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Please plan on *coming home* and celebrating the great things the Almighty has done for us during the past 115 years, and together let us look forward with confidence to the great things He has in store for us in the future!