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## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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# News

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### **GOOD FRIDAY WALKING STATIONS OF THE CROSS APRIL 14**

COLUMBUS – Hundreds of Catholics will participate in the Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross in downtown Columbus on April 14, 2017. The annual Walking Stations of the Cross is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus' Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Office for Social Concerns.

Stations will begin with prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, at 8 a.m., led by the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, and will conclude at the Cathedral around 11 a.m. People of all ages are invited to attend.

Following a three-mile route, participants will walk throughout downtown Columbus to 14 specific locations at which they will pray and reflect on Jesus' suffering as he carried his cross to his crucifixion, linking the stations with various issues of social concern.

The stations and prayer reflections along the walk route include:

1. Faith Mission – *Jesus is arrested and condemned to death* – the plight of the homeless;
2. Topiary Garden in Old Deaf School Park – *Jesus is made to carry his cross* -- environmental stewardship;
3. Grant Hospital – *Jesus falls for the first time* – those with illnesses;

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4. Former abortion clinic – *Jesus meets His Mother* – the injustice of abortion;
5. Nazareth Towers – *Simon carries the cross* – issues of the elderly;
6. Holy Cross Church – *Veronica wipes the face of Jesus* – discrimination in society and a focus on multiculturalism;
7. St. Lawrence Haven – *Jesus falls for the second time* – hunger and poverty;
8. The park across from Greyhound bus station – *Women of Jerusalem weep* – runaways, refugees, and human trafficking;
9. Location of Columbus Commons in view of bank buildings – *Jesus falls for the third time* – economic responsibility and joblessness;
10. Ohio Supreme Court – *Jesus is stripped of his garments* – justice;
11. Downtown WBNS TV-10 and the Columbus Dispatch – *Jesus is nailed to the cross* – using media and social media responsibly;
12. Ohio Statehouse – *Jesus is raised on the cross and dies* – abolition of the death penalty;
13. Ohio Statehouse Veterans Memorial – *Jesus is taken from the cross* – peace;
14. St. Joseph Cathedral – *Jesus is laid in the tomb* – the Church and the need for Christ's presence in the world.

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**\*\*NOTE: Diocesan Offices will be closed on Friday, April 14, in observance of Good Friday. Please contact the Communications Office by Thursday, April 13, if you are interested in covering this event.\*\***