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**Diocese of Dallas to Hold Ceremony of Sorrow
and First of Four Listening Sessions**

(Dallas) Bishop Edward J. Burns will lead a special **Ceremony of Sorrow at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church at 1809 W. Davis.** The purpose of the powerful prayer service is to express sorrow and repentance in an effort to lead to healing and purification of the Church and clergy.

The ceremony involves the bishop removing his miter, crozier, episcopal ring, pectoral cross and zucchetto – symbols of a bishop, and then prostrating himself before the altar as a sign of humility and penance. Bishop Burns says, “This is one more way that I as the bishop can express the shame and deep remorse over the egregious violations of trust that have occurred in the Church.”

Cameras will be allowed to shoot the Ceremony of Sorrow at 6 o’clock. The service will also be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/Ey1joSIHszg>.

The first of four Town Hall Meetings being held around the diocese will immediately follow the Ceremony of Sorrow in the gymnasium at St. Cecilia. The meetings are designed to serve as listening sessions and **will be closed to cameras and other recording devices** in order to ensure a secure environment in which those attending feel free to openly voice their feelings. The dates, times and locations of the remaining Town Hall Meetings can be found at www.cathdal.org.

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