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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am happy to announce that the relics of two saints, **St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina and St. Anthony of Padua**, will be visiting our diocese in the coming months for public veneration. The tradition of visiting the relics of saints is a rich part of our Catholic heritage. While we ask for their powerful intercession, there have been many blessings and conversions that have come through devotion to these saints. Those who attend are encouraged to bring articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, pictures of loved ones, etc.) which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer. A Mass in honor of each saint will be celebrated at each parish each day.

I encourage all pastors, priests and parish leaders to encourage devotion to these important witnesses of our Faith as a way of building up the faith of our people. The dates, necessary information and flyers are provided below.

The Relics of St. (Padre) Pio of Pietrelcina

**Thursday, September 20th St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Parsippany
(8:30 AM to 6:30 PM)**

The Relics of St. Anthony of Padua

**Thursday, October 4th St. Anthony of Padua Church, Butler
(10:00 AM to 1:30 PM & 6:00 to 8:00 PM)**

**Saturday, October 13 St. Anthony Parish, Hawthorne
(9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)**

**St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Stirling
(3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)**

**Sunday, October 14th Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville
(8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Rockaway
(3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)**

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.