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### **Requiem Mass at Oakland Cathedral for deceased homeless to be celebrated Nov. 2**

**OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA** – Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, will celebrate the Catholic feast of All Soul's Day, which honors the memory of all deceased, with a "Requiem Mass for the Homeless" on Nov. 2 at 7 pm at The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street.

The service, in which the cremated remains of three individuals who had lived on the streets near the Cathedral of Christ the Light will be blessed and committed to burial, is an extension of the ongoing ministry to the homeless by Cathedral parishioners.

Every Wednesday, hot meals are served at the corner of Grand and Harrison from 5 to 6 pm. A meal will be served on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the usual time, and guests will be invited to join the parishioners for the requiem Mass at 7 pm.

The liturgical music for the Mass, Requiem for the Homeless, is composed by Frank La Rocca. A critically acclaimed composer, La Rocca has offices in Claremont and is composer-in-residence at the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Liturgy.

Following the liturgy, the cremated remains of the three individuals whose bodies were not claimed will be laid to rest in the Crypt of the Holy Angels in the Cathedral Mausoleum. This crypt was designated by Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services for this purpose when the Mausoleum opened and is part of their outreach to all members of our community.

"The Mass is a beautiful way to bring our community's consistent care and concern for our neighbors into our prayer and worship," explained Father Brandon E. Macadaeg, rector of the Cathedral of Christ the Light. "In death, life is changed, not ended. We mourn these three individuals and our dearly departed, but we grieve with hope because Jesus has defeated death."

The feast of All Souls has been celebrated in the Catholic Church since at least the 11th century. Since its beginning, the feast has been intertwined with cultural remembrances of the dead, such as Día de los Muertos. Prayer for the dead and care for the homeless are expressions of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, a priority for Bishop Barber and the Diocese of Oakland.

The event will be live streamed at: <https://youtu.be/MxgKx2Quokc>. Media welcome at 5:00pm dinner service, on the Cathedral Plaza but not in the Cathedral. Images may be pulled from the livestream.

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