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Cardinal confirms 12 young people of Regina Caeli Parish

HOUSTON — Daniel Cardinal DiNardo confirmed 12 young parishioners of Regina Caeli Parish, Houston Apostolate of the FSSP on March 15.

The ceremony, in the presence of more than 150 faithful, was the first Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form conducted at the Co-Cathedral

of the Sacred Heart. Assisting were Father Charles Van Vliet, FSSP, Regina Caeli pastor; Father Joshua Passo, FSSP; Deacon Christopher Mahowald, FSSP; and Father Jude Ezuma, priest secretary to Cardinal DiNardo.

In his homily, Cardinal DiNardo referred to the hymn *Veni Sancti Spiritus* sung by the schola, saying the

Paraclete, according to St. John, was sent "to teach and to remind" - to teach the meaning of all the words of Jesus, but just as importantly, to remind us of His words and protect us from the "spirit of amnesia" prevalent in today's society. He highlighted the special role of sponsors to walk in faith with the Confirmandi and pray for them daily.

This was the second Confirmation for Regina Caeli Parish celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo in the Extraordinary Form.

Regina Caeli Parish is the only Traditional Rite parish in the Archdiocese. It was erected on Aug. 15, 2013, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Construction is ongoing at the site and, on March 16, foundation piles were poured for St. Athanasius Chapel Hall. Cardinal DiNardo presided over the groundbreaking at the property in December 2014.

For more about the Regina Caeli Parish, visit reginacaeliparish.org †

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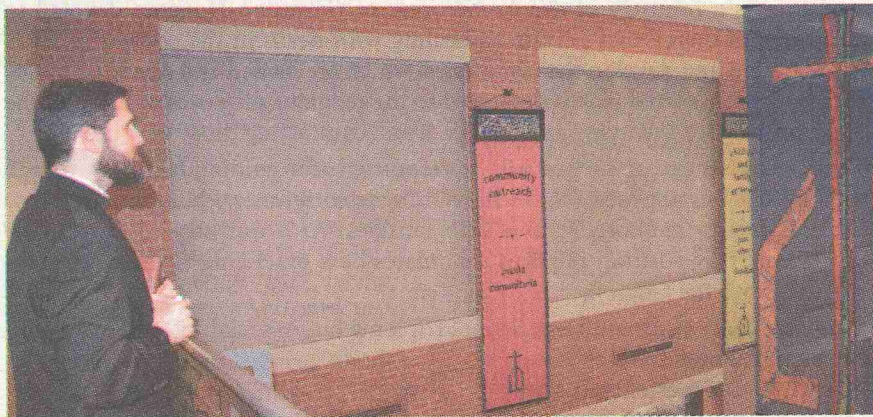


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Part of Catholic Charities' Lenten experience during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Father Christopher M. Plant, pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church in Houston, blessed the agency's central offices, each floor, its workers and visitors on March 18, in Houston. He prayed with staff and clients in the agency's Meditation Room and processed throughout the main office with a holy water sprinkling rite for continued blessings of the agency's work.



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