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MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests, Pastoral Administrators and Deacons

From: The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano + *Salvatore R. Matano*

Date: May 3, 2021, *Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

Re: Religious Freedom Week 2021: Solidarity in Freedom and
Diocesan Patronal Feast Day Mass on June 22, 2021

In a communication dated April 28, 2021, His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, reminded the Bishops of the United States that **Religious Freedom Week 2021: Solidarity in Freedom** takes place from June 22 – June 29, 2021, beginning with the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, and concluding with the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

Attached you will find a *Summary of Religious Freedom Week 2021*, provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which provides links to helpful resources on this subject.

Additionally, in solidarity with all dioceses throughout the United States, and particularly noting that Saint John Fisher is our Diocesan patron, I invite you to a Patronal Feast Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. More information will follow, including how to best extend this invitation to your parishioners.