

Remarks by Sister Florence Seifert,  
President, Sisters of the Precious Blood  
Mass with Archbishop Pilarczyk, Precious Blood Church, Dayton  
October 4, 2009, 2 p.m.

## **Welcome before the Mass**

Good afternoon. I am Sister Florence Seifert, President of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. It my great joy and honor to welcome you to this celebration of thanksgiving for 175 years since the foundation of our Congregation. Any anniversary is a time for remembering and giving thanks. As we Sisters have shared memories over the past few months, we have come to appreciate ever more deeply how very blessed we have been in so many ways. And each of you here today has been a part of that blessing. As Sisters of the Precious Blood, urged by the redeeming love of Jesus and rooted in Eucharistic prayer, it is only fitting that we invite you to celebrate with us around this table of Eucharist, of Thanksgiving. We bring to the altar hearts full of gratitude for the gift of our call to be Sisters of the Precious, for God's faithful presence with us these 175 years, for all who have been a part of our lives and mission. We ask you to pray with us that we may continue for many more years to be a life-giving reconciling presence in our fractured world.

We welcome Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, Archbishop of Cincinnati, presider at this Mass. Please stand and join in our Gathering Song.

## **Thanks after Mass**

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all Sisters of the Precious Blood, to say thanks to Archbishop Pilarczyk for presiding at this Mass, to the concelebrants: Precious Blood Fathers Angelo Anthony, Provincial, Barry Fischer, and Bill O'Donnell, PB parish pastor, Father David Brinkmoeller, Dean of the Dayton Deanery, ( and the other priests.) Thanks to you members of the religious, civic, academic and business communities, to friends, relatives and co-workers in ministry - all who have honored us with your presence today.

Thank you, Father Bill and the Precious Blood parish community, for so generously opening your beautiful church and your facilities to us. Thanks to the wonderful choir who lead us so beautifully in song. Thanks to all who shared in any way in preparing for this celebration.

We do hope that, after the closing song, you will join us for a reception in the parish activity center. I understand that some proclamations will be presented. AND be sure to see the display panels of our 175-year history.