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**The Basilica Dedicates Homeless Jesus Sculpture**

*The Basilica of Saint Mary's new sculpture is a symbol of compassion for the poor.*

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. –The Basilica of Saint Mary will dedicate the new Timothy P. Schmalz Homeless Jesus bronze sculpture on November 19, 2017, the World Day of the Poor.

The sculpture of a life-size Christ figure shrouded in a blanket on a bench is an internationally recognized symbol of compassion and awareness for the homeless, with sculptures located in major cities throughout the world.

**Dedication Schedule of Events:**

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

**1:00pm:** Reception

**1:30pm:** Timothy P. Schmalz, Artist presentation

**3:00pm:** Evening prayer in Basilica choir stalls

**3:30pm:** Dedication of sculpture on Basilica front lawn

The meaning of the Homeless Jesus sculpture is to truly change hearts and minds towards people in need. The sculpture is designed to challenge and inspire each of us to be more compassionate and charitable and to see Jesus in each person we meet, and to take action to help end homelessness locally and around the world. The sculpture is a vibrant addition to The Basilica's sacred art collection.

For more information please visit: [www.mary.org/HomelessJesus](http://www.mary.org/HomelessJesus)

**PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Dedication of the sculpture with parish and community members
- Interview Johan van Parys, Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts

**About Basilica of Saint Mary**

The Basilica of Saint Mary, located in downtown Minneapolis, is a welcoming Catholic community committed to the well-being of the city. It is a center for the arts and a place of refuge for the poor. The Basilica provides quality liturgy, religious education, pastoral care, and hospitality to all. The parish is the spiritual home to over 6,400 families of all ages, races, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds.

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