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BASILICA TO COMMEMORATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

All Masses celebrated this weekend for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time will be held in Memorial of the Tenth Anniversary of September 11, 2001. This includes the 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 10, and the 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, September 11. It was Cardinal McCarrick, then Archbishop of Washington, who celebrated Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, for the thousands who crowded into the Basilica's Great Upper Church in the immediate wake of the terrorist attacks.

Also on Sunday, September 11, at 1 p.m., the Basilica will join other churches, houses of worship and civic institutions in a Moment of Remembrance by ringing the bells of the Knights' Tower.

From Friday, September 9 through Monday, September 12, our Nation's Flag will be draped from the Knights' Tower through the gracious assistance of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut. This fifty foot flag was first hung from the Knights' Tower during the Knights of Columbus' "Day of Remembrance: One Nation Under God," held on the first anniversary of September 11 in 2002.

All are invited to join the Basilica and our nation as we remember the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

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