**FESTIVAL OF FORGIVENESS**

**Sample bulletin and/or pulpit announcement**

Pope Francis has described mercy as “the very foundation of the Church’s life.” During Lent 2018, the Church in the Diocese of Saint Cloud wants every person to experience the life-changing power of God’s mercy and love.

On March 2 — the Friday of the Second Week of Lent — the diocese is holding a 12-hour “Festival of Forgiveness” during which the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at designated churches throughout the diocese.

Our parishioners here at [**NAME OF PARISH]** are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, March 2 at [**NAME OF DESIGNATED CHURCH(ES) IN DEANERY]** between the hours of **[TIME]** and **[TIME].**

The Catholic faithful, including those who have been away from the sacraments, are invited to participate in this special celebration.