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**MEDIA ALERT**

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**A Monumental Easter Story: New York Church Begins  
New Life in Atlanta This Weekend**

*At age 99, St. Gerard's Church sets out on 900-mile journey from Buffalo, New York, to Norcross, Georgia, with the transfer of its patron saint's statue and candle stand.*

**WHAT:** The 99-year-old Church of St. Gerard, with its 36,000 square foot nave, begins its pilgrimage from Buffalo, New York, to Norcross, Georgia, with the arrival of the 7 ½ foot, 1,600 pound statue of St. Gerard and Paschal Candle stand from the original church on Saturday, April 3.

The statue and candle stand will receive a ceremonial blessing at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King by Archbishop of Atlanta Wilton D. Gregory. The five minute ceremony will take place outdoors.

At 2:00 p.m., the statue and candle stand will be transferred to Norcross, Georgia, for a welcome by the parishioners of Mary Our Queen. The transfer will conclude with the Easter Vigil at Mary Our Queen, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening

**WHO:** Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory and Father David M. Dye, pastor, Parish of Mary Our Queen in Norcross, will be in vestments for a formal welcome at The Cathedral of Christ the King. Both will be available for interviews about the relocation of St. Gerard's Church following the short ceremony.

For more information about the church's relocation, please visit [www.movedbygrace.com](http://www.movedbygrace.com).

<b>WHERE:</b>	The Cathedral of Christ the King 2699 Peachtree Road Northeast Atlanta, GA 30305 (404) 233-2145	Parish of Mary Our Queen 6260 The Corners Pkwy Norcross, GA 30092 (770) 416-0002
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**WHEN:** Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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