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He is Risen!

Easter Sunday Masses on April 5, announcing Jesus' resurrection from the dead, brought Holy Week to a close across the Diocese of Evansville and around the world. This issue of *The Message* includes coverage from Palm Sunday through the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, including the Chrism Mass, the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. Coverage begins here and continues on pages 6-7.



The Message photos by Megan Erbacher

Exsultet

After Bishop Joseph M. Siegel and the faithful process into a dark sanctuary, lit only by the paschal candle and the candles carried by the faithful, a portion of the altar was lit for the singing of the Exsultet. Father Alex Zenthoefer, at podium, sang the Exsultet, including this portion: "This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld."



Paschal Candle

Bishop Siegel lights the Paschal Candle as he opens the Easter Vigil of the Holy Night April 4 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. As he lit the candle, he prayed, may the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.



Faithful gather around as Bishop Siegel carves a cross in the Paschal Candle's wax with a stylus. Then he traces the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below and the numerals of the current year, while he says, in part, Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.



Fire Blessing

Bishop Siegel and the faithful wait as a fire is prepared outside St. Benedict Cathedral for him to bless and then use to light the Paschal Candle.

Washington Catholic names Dr. Douglas Palmer as first president

By THE MESSAGE STAFF

After an extensive national search, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel has appointed Dr. Douglas Palmer to serve as the first President of Washington Catholic High School, effective April 13.

In his professional career, Dr. Palmer has devoted many years to Catholic education. He comes to Washington Catholic with a long commitment to Catholic education as a professor, dean, provost and president at Catholic universities. He previously served on the board of Canton Central Catholic High School in Canton, Ohio; as Athletic Director of St. Peter's School (K-8) in Canton, Ohio; and as interim cross

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Submitted photo

Dr. Douglas Palmer is pictured with his wife, Cathy, and their three sons.