



A mural of the Risen Christ towers above the Chrism Mass celebrants.



Renewed commitment

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"A common denominator is our one shared faith and all are represented here," said Bishop Hogan at the annual Chrism Mass celebration held at St. Mary's in Auburn April 5.

The congregation included persons from every region of the diocese, priests, sisters and lay leaders who gathered at the Mass for the blessing of the oils and rededication to the mission each has as a Christian.

People joyfully greeted one another a half hour before the 8 p.m. start of the Mass. Two stately sunflower banners symbolized the theme, "Anointed with Oil we are made radiant with Joy."

Seminarians of St. Bernard's led the procession at



The processional begins as people from throughout the diocese gather for the blessing of the oils.



Regional coordinators at the Consecration.



The choir leads the congregation in song.