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DIOCESE OF PHOENIX TV MASS BROADCAST MOVES TO KAZT-TV (AZ-TV7, CABLE 13) APRIL 19

PHOENIX (March 12, 2009) The TV Mass of the Diocese of Phoenix, which is broadcast live each Sunday from Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral in Phoenix, will move to KAZT-TV (AZ-TV7, Cable 13) on Sunday, April 19, and now the broadcasts will run 90 minutes long.

The weekly TV Mass has been broadcast live for several years on KUTP-TV, Channel 45 (Cable Channel 9) for 60 minutes. The final broadcast on Channel 45 will be April 12, Easter Sunday.

The new 90-minute format will enable the Diocese to bring the Sunday Mass from the Cathedral in its entirety each week. As many of those who have watched the broadcast over the years know, the TV Mass often ends each week with a pre-taped final blessing from Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted because the actual Mass at the Cathedral will sometimes continue beyond the 60-minute broadcast.

Under the new arrangement with AZ-TV, the Diocese will be able to broadcast the entire Mass even if it lasts beyond the hour. There will also be additional time to follow the Mass with features on programs, services and events of the Diocese of Phoenix as well as opportunities to showcase some of the organizations that assist with sponsorship of the Mass broadcast.

“We are pleased to partner with KAZT-TV on the TV Mass Broadcast,” said the Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix. “This new association will allow us to continue and even enhance what has become a vital television ministry to many Catholics in Arizona.”

The TV Mass of the Diocese of Phoenix is now also available on the internet at www.catholictvmass.com. The Mass is streamed live on-line each Sunday during the normal broadcast and is repeated on-line throughout the week.

For more information on the TV Mass, go to the Diocese of Phoenix web site at www.diocesephoenix.org. You can also access more information on KAZT-TV by going to the station’s web site at www.aztv.com.

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