

**Homily for the Mass for the University of Notre Dame Executive MBA
Electives Immersion Week, Solemnity of the Epiphany
January 6, 2013**

Holy Cross Chapel, Stinson-Remick Hall

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S.S.P.: Epiphany message: our task as Christians is to bring the sacred to the secular (God to the world).

- I. This is a historic week:
 - A. EMBA Electives Immersion Week
 - B. Also a certain football game to be played tomorrow night!

- II. Icons
 - A. Added icon: "Play Like Champions Today" (Tomorrow)!
 - B. Four stained glass windows represent the four seasons
 - 1. St. Joseph (Spring) honors patron saint of Holy Cross Brothers & Engineers
 - 2. O.L. Sorrows (Summer) - 7 starred halo represents her 7 sorrows
 - a. A sword will pierce her heart
 - b. The flight into Egypt
 - c. Jesus' being lost in the temple in Jerusalem
 - d. Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the way to Calvary
 - e. Mary at the foot of the cross
 - f. Taking the body of Jesus down from the cross
 - g. Laying Jesus in the tomb
 - 3. Blessed Basil Moreau (Autumn) - pumpkin patch at his feet and geese overhead
 - 4. St. André Bessette (Winter) - falling snowflakes (here & in Montreal)

- III. As St. Joseph brings sacred to engineering, ND brings sacred to its secular studies; cf. *Wall Street Journal* articles
 - A. The connection between the sacred and the secular is apparent in the EMBA program
 - 1. Ethics in business decisions
 - 2. Expressions of faith in our classroom

 - B. Our society's disconnect over Christmas:
 - 1. In business, Christmas season begins November or even October and ends December 25
 - 2. In the Church, December is Advent; Christmas begins December 25

- IV. Today we celebrate Epiphany – Christ our Savior is made manifest
 - A. Three kings – salvation is for everyone
 - B. Three gifts:
 - 1. Gold – Christ is King
 - 2. Frankincense – Christ is divine
 - 3. Myrrh – Christ will suffer

- V. Christ brings the sacred to us; our task is to bring Christ to the world.