

**Homily Outline for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**  
**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
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S.S.P.: Saints Peter and Paul teach us: 1) to bring our faith into the world; 2) the world will not always welcome that message; 3) we must be ready to die for our faith.

- I. Meetings with Confirmation candidates
  - A. Why are we Roman Catholic?
  - B. Why did Ss. Peter and Paul go to Rome and die there?
  - C. Saints Peter and Paul teach us to bring our faith into the world
- II. Saints Peter and Paul faced hostility and hardships preaching the Gospel
  - A. The obstacles and challenges did not deter them
  - B. Saints Peter and Paul teach us that the world will not always welcome the message of faith
- III. Saints Peter and Paul died as martyrs for the faith
  - A. Being a Christian involves sacrifice
  - B. Saints Peter and Paul teach us we must be ready to die for our faith
- IV. As we continue our celebration of the Fortnight for Freedom, we celebrate this feast of Saints Peter and Paul
  - A. They have their own separate feasts, but today we celebrate them together
  - B. Saints Peter and Paul teach us: 1) to bring our faith into the world; 2) the world will not always welcome that message; 3) we must be ready to die for our faith.
  - C. In our Eucharist, we receive the Body of Christ, who sends us into the world to do good works and bring glory to God!
- V. May God give us this grace. Amen.