Homily Outline for the Solemnity of All Saints
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S.S.P.: We are all called to holiness, to dwell forever with Christ, Our Lord and Savior

I. Mount of the Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
   A. Makarios – blessed, happy, holy
   B. Beatitudes are a formula for holiness: God will save those who need Him.
   C. All are called to this holiness.
      1. 1st reading: 144,000 = 12 x 12 x 1,000 = symbolic number of completeness
      2. Next sentence: vision of a great multitude of angels and people around the
         throne of God

II. How does one become holy?
   A. By following Jesus as the Lord of our lives
   B. Confirmation candidate in answer to the question – how do you plan to live
      out your Confirmation commitment? – wrote, “I will give more of my
      attention to God than my phone.”
   C. We all laugh, but this statement is profoundly true. As a realistic test of your
      love for God, ask: do you give more attention to God or to your smart phone?

      entering the New Millennium” (nos. 30-31): “First of all, I have no hesitation in
      saying that all pastoral initiatives must be set in relation to holiness.”

      A. This applies to all of us personally and individually, but also applies to our
         work in relation with the Church.
      B. We should see our work with our dioceses and with BPIC in relation to
         provides the structures to help people to be holy, to become saints!

IV. May God give us this grace. Amen.