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**American National Catholic Church Welcomes St. Odilia Parish, Fargo, ND
First Eucharistic Celebration, Feb. 26, 2012 – All Are Welcome**

On behalf of the parishioners and clergy of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), the Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM is overjoyed to announce our newest parish, St. Odilia American National Catholic Church in Fargo, North Dakota.

ANCC priest, Rev. Fr. Llewelyn Troska will serve as pastor joined by Mr. Randy Reichert, liturgist and musician. The parish's first Eucharistic celebration will take place on the first Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The church is located at 670 4th Ave North, Fargo ND 58102. The parish contact number is (701) 281-3023. For further information visit: www.stodiliafgo.org.

St. Odilia American National Catholic Church is a faith-community in the Metro Fargo area for those seeking an inclusive, sacramental and contemporary faith expression rooted in the ancient Catholic Tradition.

Bishop Lucey commented, "we are dedicated to working with the People of God, in every place, to establish valid expressions of Catholicism in which all are encouraged to participate, asked to bring their gifts, and welcomed into an experience of God's all-inclusive love at the heart of the Church."

"Our commitment is strong to share God's infinite love with those who struggle with their faith for whatever reason," stated Father Troska. "There is a need in

today's world for non-judgmental compassion and care. And to that need, we are here to respond with Christ's love."

When asked why the parish is named after St. Odilia, Randy Reichert responded: "For two reasons. First, to honor the Crosier Fathers and Brothers under whom we studied. Second, because St. Odilia is the Patron Saint of the Eyes. We want the parish to be a place of *vision for the future*. We see a progressive Catholic community where we will live the two great commandments: love God, and love your neighbor."

The American National Catholic Church is a Catholic community outside of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the church celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. The Church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, underserved, and forgotten. For more information visit www.TheANCC.org.

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