Holy Thursday falls in the Christian calendar on the Thursday before Easter and it is the initiation of the Holy Week when we commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At the morning session of the liturgy (or on Tuesday in the Archdiocese of Chicago), the bishops in the cathedral bless the oil of catechumens, the sick and the chrism. In the evening liturgy, we recall Jesus' last supper, Jesus' institution of the Eucharist and the washing of the feet of his disciples. The tradition of washing the feet has been preserved until today. At evening Mass, according to the example of Jesus, the priest washes the feet of 12 selected people, who represent the twelve apostles. Dear fellow Branch Officers and Members of the Chicago District FCSLA, I am praying for us that we will be able to follow Christ's example of loving and serving the others and thus making the further steps on our way to the holiness – perfection of charity.

