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**Downtown Skyline to “Be Golden” on April 5th International Golden Rule Day
Diocese of Dallas and Catholic Charities Dallas lead effort to light up skies**

DATE (Dallas, Tx) -- To celebrate International Golden Rule Day, the lights of the downtown Dallas skyline will go gold on Monday, April 5. The Diocese of Dallas and Catholic Charities Dallas led the way in the effort as part of their #Be Golden initiative.

The Catholic Diocese of Dallas and Bishop Edward Burns initiated the #BeGolden program in 2018 to build a more welcoming community in the Dallas area and beyond. #BeGolden aims to educate, inspire and generate action helping to create a world where we treat all people the way we’d like to be treated, regardless of race, faith, socio-economic background or whether they are native-born or immigrant.

Bishop Burns says it is an especially timely reminder as hundreds of unaccompanied minors are housed at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center awaiting the next step in their immigration journey. “We believe that if we put ourselves in other people’s shoes, especially when it comes to our immigrant neighbors, we’ll discover that we’re more alike than we are different,” said Bishop Burns.

The Golden Rule is a principle of treating others as we want to be treated. It is a universal statement that many of us hear repeatedly throughout our childhoods and one that crosses most cultural, spiritual, religious, and secular traditions around the globe. “The Golden Rule is a simple one. It’s not a political statement or a legal matter. It’s a human issue,” Bishop Burns added.

Most downtown buildings will be participating in the effort to turn the skyline gold. Several Dallas area Catholic churches and organizations will also shine golden spotlights into the sky on April 5 including All Saints, Catholic Charities, Cathedral Guadalupe, Christ the King, Holy Cross, and St. Rita in Dallas. Mary Immaculate in Farmers Branch, Prince of Peace and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano, St. Ann’s in Coppell, St. Gabriel in McKinney, St. John in Ennis, and St Joseph in Richardson are all also participating.

In [2007](#), [URI-Africa](#) and [Interfaith Peace-building Initiative](#) (a URI Cooperation Circle member) declared April 5 as “Golden Rule Day” in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and called upon all citizens of the world to join them in living everyday according to the teaching of the Golden Rule in order to make our world better for all.

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