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**BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH, CLERMONT, FLORIDA
DEDICATES COMMISSIONED ARTWORK**

CLERMONT, FLA -- JULY 26, 2015 -- In Tabgha, Israel, in a deserted place on the hillside on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, is a small church that had been built over a limestone rock venerated as the place where the Lord Jesus sat when and taught the crowds and multiplied the loaves and fish. Today there stands a new church, built in 1982, preserving the limestone rock under an altar. The surrounding mosaics date back to the fifth century is the inspiration for a new installation at Blessed Sacrament.

Very Rev. Robert Webster, Pastor, reflects on the original mosaic. “In one sense it typifies the sacramental life of the Church, which is ever ancient yet ever new. In front of the limestone rock, in the floor, is preserved the earliest icon mosaic of the multiplication itself. Its basket of five loaves and the two fish remind us that the gifts we offer are ever multiplied by the Lord Jesus to nourish and feed us.”

On Sunday, July 26, Fr. Webster blessed an image of the ancient mosaic which was expanded to include “The Leftovers” that were a result of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Created and designed by artist Jim Piercey, the artwork was a donation by Robert Richey in memory of his beloved wife Deborah and is located over the main doors of the church.

In his blessing, Fr. Webster prayed, “Bless this image of the Multiplication and of Leftovers, that it may remind us of our holy mission as we enter and depart this Church. And keep our eyes fixed on the glories of heaven, where you, Father, receive those who will reign with your Son, for ever and ever.”

Founded as a parish in 1961, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church began serving the Clermont Catholic community as early as 1910. Today, it is a parish of nearly 4,600 families within the Diocese of Orlando, Florida. The Very Reverend Robert Webster, pastor, and the members of the parish are centered on Christ, striving to serve God’s creation and those most in need.

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Standing beneath the mosaic, pictured left to right: Robert Richey, Very Rev. Robert Webster, Jim Piercey.