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**Cardinal Rigali Message
Theological Virtues**

Announcer: And now a message from Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Dear Friends,

One of the highest compliments one can receive is to be referred to as a good Christian. To be so judged is a reflection of a person's commitment to the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

These theological virtues have God Himself as their origin, motive and direct object. *The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that they are the foundation and the energizing force of Christian moral activity and that they give life to the human virtues, which are prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. *The Compendium* also instructs that faith, hope and charity are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being.

I encourage all to grow in virtue by more freely committing to knowing and performing the will of God and by placing your trust in the promise of Christ.

May God bless you all.

(Source: The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 384-386)

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