

Homily Outline for the Wedding of Caroline Mazurek & Alan Cozzi
Saint Ferdinand Church, Chicago, Illinois
August 27, 2022

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Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

- I. “You must be strong with love, which is stronger than death.”
– Pope St. John Paul II (June 10, 1979)
- II. Example of holy marriage lived by St. Gianna & Pietro Molla
- III. Song by Martin Doman, “Open Wide the Doors to Christ”¹

Two thousand years ago, You came into our lives.

You came to bring our hearts back to the warmth of your love.

So we celebrate, we evangelize, we reconcile our hearts to you;

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Open wide the doors to Christ, let Him come into your heart.

Open wide, receive His life, we have hope anew in Christ.

For unto us a child was born to you and me.

He came to show that life could be life abundantly.

So we lift His name on high, we praise Him as we sing:

Open wide the doors to Christ, let Him come into your heart.

Open wide, receive His life, we have hope anew in Christ.

Jesus comes to us today, He’s present in this place.

This Eucharistic meal is our life, our hope, our grace.

So we humbly come receive, we worship, we believe.

Open wide the doors to Christ, let Him come into your heart.

Open wide, receive His life, we have hope anew in Christ.

May God give us this grace. Amen.

¹ Martin Doman, “Open Wide the Doors to Christ,” Compact Disk, *God’s Goodness So Far* 1996-2000.