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Excellency,

I forward you the following message transmitted by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton scheduled for September 14, 2025.

MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. LORI
ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE

HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV WAS PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE CELEBRATION MARKING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, AND HE SENDS CORDIAL GOOD WISHES TO ALL THE BISHOPS, PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. HE JOINS YOU IN GIVING THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS BESTOWED OVER THESE PAST YEARS THROUGH THE DEDICATED WORK OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY FEDERATION, WHICH CONTINUES TO BE INSPIRED BY MOTHER SETON'S CONCERN FOR SERVING THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED. MOREOVER, HIS HOLINESS PRAYS THAT YOU WILL TAKE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE SAINT'S PARTICULAR LOVE OF THE EUCHARIST AND THUS BE DRAWN EVER MORE DEEPLY INTO A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS OUR SAVIOUR (CF. *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*, 11). IN THIS WAY, YOUR CELEBRATION WILL SERVE TO INSPIRE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO CONTINUE TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE SAVING MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL. ENTRUSTING ALL PRESENT TO THE MATERNAL INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE HOLY FATHER GLADLY IMPARTS HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF PEACE AND JOY IN THE LORD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Additionally, kindly be informed that Msgr. Andrea Piccioni and Msgr. Jacek Pinocy will attend the celebration and are available to read the message if needed.

Assuring you of my prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Večeslav Tumir

Msgr. Večeslav Tumir
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

Most Reverend
William E. LORI
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