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Your Excellency,

I have been asked by the Secretariat of State to transmit to you the following message:

*The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio  
President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

*His Holiness Pope Francis sends cordial greetings and the assurance of his spiritual closeness to the many people from across the United States gathered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Annual Prayer Vigil on the eve of the March for life. He is deeply grateful for the faithful witness shown publicly over the years by all who promote and defend the right to life of the most innocent and vulnerable members of our human family. Indeed, the building of a truly just society rests upon respect for the sacred dignity of every person and the welcome given to each one as a brother or sister. In this regard, His Holiness trusts that Almighty God will strengthen the commitment of all, especially the young, to persevere in their efforts aimed at protecting human life in all its stages, especially through adequate legal measures enacted at every level of society. To those taking part in the March for Life, and to all who support them by their prayers and sacrifices, the Holy Father gladly imparts his blessing as a pledge of strength and joy in the Lord.*

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State*

With assurances of my good wishes, I remain

Yours faithfully,

✠ Christophe Pierre  
Apostolic Nuncio

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