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Your Excellency,

I am very grateful to you for your kind letter of September 7, 2021, as well as for the copy of the Pastoral Guide for Evangelization for the Diocese of Biloxi, <u>Missio</u> <u>Nostra</u>: Our <u>Mission</u>.

Reading through this commendable work, I am very much taken with the idea that this pastoral guide, certainly a labor of well thought out ideas, should be studied with great care, while focusing on the idea of commitment to lifelong discipleship. We need to break out of confining boundaries that limit us from the strength to be gained by partnership between parishes and families, and parishes, schools and families. Mutual support and shared vision will enable the Church to continue growing as the Body of Christ permeating all dimensions of life and society. Now is the moment in our world of so much need to intensely concentrate and act upon what it means to be a true evangelizer and to make the message of the Gospel real in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

May *Missio Nostra* bring about among your people further inspiration for the Church to be reborn.

Please be assured of my prayers for the success of your mission.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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