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Month of Saint Joseph

Dear Brother Priests and Deacons:

May the Lord give you peace.

My original plan for the Solemnity of the Annunciation was to join Archbishop ListECKI at his Cathedral in Milwaukee to pray with you and our Holy Father in Rome as we re-consecrated humanity, especially Russian and Ukraine brothers and sisters, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I was then going to install several of our seminarians as Lectors at St. Francis de Sales Seminary, in preparation for their future Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Well, as the saying goes: "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans..." Many things to pray for. God's plan was for me to get shingles. So, here I am, homebound and offering up prayer and pain for our brothers and sisters.

I am attaching the Pope's prayer so that you may use it on Friday, or save it for prayer with your people on Laetare Sunday—4th Sunday of Lent—this weekend. Be assured of my spiritual attendance with you. Let us implore Mother Mary for peace and relief for Her children all over the world.

Fondly, in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, I am

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Patrick Callahan".

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