

December 12, 2011

His Holiness the Pope Benedict XVI 00120 Vatican City State Rome, Italy Europe

Your Holiness,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Enclosed is a letter concerning the Sacrament of Mercy initiative of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee-based Rosary Evangelization Apostolate. This initiative encourages and affirms reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the Sacrament of Mercy initiative has produced an abundant harvest. During Lent 2010, for example, regional penance services resulted in more than 7,000 individual confessions in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The enclosed letter and report from the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate provides information on this continuing initiative – in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and other areas of the United States. As Episcopal Advisor, I continue to offer my support for this initiative for the spiritual benefit of the Faithful.

Please be assured of my continued fidelity to the Apostolic See and to your Holiness.

With assurance of prayers for you and the Church Universal, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee