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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write you, we join the Church throughout the world in preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas in just a few days. Although Holy Mother Church celebrates the birth of Our Lord Jesus at this time of year, we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation and our appropriation of its meaning and our need for a Savior throughout the year, as Our Lord is constantly revealing Himself to us and drawing us unto Himself so that, as Saint John Paul II stated, Our Lord may be the passion of our life.

On April 28, 2018, the 15th Annual Ignited By Truth Conference will be held at the Reynolds Coliseum at North Carolina State University. Dynamic Catholic speakers from across our great nation will be bringing to light how the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church may indeed lead to Our Lord becoming that passion of Life. Take advantage of this annual Catholic formation opportunity, to not only grow in the gift of faith yourself, but also to serve another with whom you may discuss the faith and serve as an invitation to know Our Lord and His Church. Ignited with the love of God, we are to bring His Light and hope to others and as Saint Catherine of Siena told us, "set the whole world ablaze" one soul at a time.

May Mary, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States and the Diocese of Raleigh, watch over you and guide you and may Our Lord Jesus bless you with His peace.

In Christ,


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