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To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the occasion of Mother's Day, we will have an opportunity to join together with Catholics from around the United States in contributing to the completion of our nation's premier shrine to our Blessed Mother, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, America's Catholic Church, located in Washington, D.C.

One of the only major remaining projects almost 100 years after the laying of the cornerstone is the Trinity Dome, and the bishops of the United States decided that this monumental undertaking would benefit from inviting the faithful from all dioceses to join together in honoring Our Blessed Mother and leave a lasting legacy of our Catholic heritage.

We, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, have a special devotion to Mary under her title, Our Lady of Prompt Succor. I invite you to consider participating in this one-time second collection on May 14, 2017, to benefit our nation's Marian shrine.

Wishing you God's blessings and with the assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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Please print this letter in your bulletin the weekend of May 6-7, 2017.