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Dear Fathers,

I pray that you experienced a most blessed and holy Triduum. I wish you and your parishioners the joy of the risen Christ as we celebrate the Easter season.

As you know, traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims to come together for an International Eucharistic Congress (IEC). It is an opportunity to deepen our love for Christ in the Eucharist and to publicly proclaim that, as Catholics, the Eucharist remains the source and summit of our entire Christian life. The next International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024, drawing on the theme, "*Faternidad para sanar el mundo*" (*Fellowship to heal the world*), inspired by Jesus' words in Matthew's gospel, "*You are all brothers.*" (Mt. 23:8). The Congress culminates with the celebration of the concluding "Statio orbis" of the event, a closing Mass offered by the Holy Father or his designate.

In the past, the archdiocese has organized formal delegations to participate at gatherings in Quebec City (2008) and Dublin, Ireland (2012). While I recognize that time is limited in planning for this year's congress, I invite parishes to share information regarding the 2024 Congress with the hope that a small delegation from the Archdiocese of Toronto may travel on pilgrimage to Ecuador this September.

I have asked Fr. Chris Cauchi, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, to serve as the archdiocesan coordinator for our delegation. We will likewise be working with the organizing committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. In this way, our archdiocesan pilgrims will be part of the national delegation as well.

Additional information is enclosed. For further details, do not hesitate to contact Fr. Chris Cauchi at: ccauchi@archtoronto.org. We ask that you use your communication channels as appropriate to publicize the itinerary as soon as possible and prayerfully discern inviting those you feel may benefit from the experience to consider participating. Thank you as always for your continued co-operation. Let us join together in prayer for all those who are preparing and participating in this blessed moment for the life of the Church through a powerful Eucharistic gathering.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

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