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Dear sisters and brothers:

“In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God.” — Romans 15:17

The young church is a vital part of the body of Christ. I see the value in providing the young Catholic community of San Antonio avenues to gather and grow in the love of Christ. Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) allows people in this stage of life to make connections, develop friendships, start families, and network as they grow in their careers, while at the same time growing in their Catholic faith. I see the potential that YCP has to offer our young Catholic community, who are seeking to find a deeper meaning in their faith and daily lives.

The mission of YCP encourages young adults working in various professions to 'Work in Witness for Christ', a challenge we all face as Catholics, and one that requires support and encouragement from the community and from our peers in the faith. Likewise, there is much for our young Catholics to learn from those who have held strong to the teachings of the church as they grew in their professional work and in their faith. YCP’s events and programs help foster Catholic identity, encourage authentic community, and call young adults to a higher standard both in their professions and in their faith. Executive Catholic speakers representing respectable business have so much to offer those young in their careers and in their life.

It is a great blessing to have ministries such as Young Catholic Professionals that bring about the next generation of business leaders, philanthropists, and joyful, faithful, and fruitful Catholic families. I ask the community to prayerfully assist these young people. And may we always remember, and be united by, the challenge issued by our beloved Pope Francis to the youth of the world: “Do not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent.” (World Youth Day 2013). May God bless you always in your life with him.

Sincerely in Christ our Savior,

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