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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each one of us is called to holiness. Jesus has called us to discern our call of living his holiness as we live our vocations. As a bishop, many have shared with me their vocational discernment to the priesthood and religious life. I am always touched by their love for our Lord and a sincere desire to serve the Church. My heart goes out to them and I am committed to assist, encourage and support their vocational discernment.

One of the obstacles facing many young adults from entering into seminary or religious formation is having significant college education debt. The diocese or religious institution they seek to enter are often unable to assume the financial burden of college educational costs of a particular candidate. Thus, these potential candidates seeking to answer Christ's call to serve as a priest or consecrated religious are delayed from responding due to their current financial burden. The Labouré Society provides a means to assist those in this particular predicament. These Labouré candidates work to raise funds for vocations through a formational process and a proven philanthropic method. I assure you that every dollar raised is applied to these student loan debts and brings much needed hope and support to these Labouré candidates. With their financial obstacle alleviated, they can fully pursue a seminary or religious formation program.

I fully support and endorse the Labouré Society and its apostolate. The Church needs priestly and religious vocations. The apostolate of the Labouré Society provides the necessary support and financial assistance to help Labouré candidates to fulfill this need. I am truly grateful for your consideration to generously support the Labouré Society and through its apostolate help these Labouré candidates fulfill their holy desire to serve Christ and the Church as our future priests and consecrated religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, J.C.L., D.D.
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