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My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I send cordial greetings to each of you as you gather together in Anaheim, California for the Annual National Conference of the *Resource Center for Religious Institutes*.

Knowing that there is somewhere to turn when confronted with a complicated legal or financial matter, no doubt, saves Institutional leaders and treasurers both time and unnecessary stress. Consecrated persons in your country are most fortunate to have the services of the Resource Center at their disposal.

A perusal of the program for your National Conference, which has as its theme "*Celebrating the Year of Mercy*", indicates that in addition to common sessions participants are offered workshops on a wide range of topics. I trust that all will benefit not only from the information offered but also from the opportunity to be with others who share the same responsibilities and interests.

During this *Year of Mercy* may we grow in or practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and become *Merciful like the Father*. May the Lord abundantly bless you and the members of your families and communities.

Sincerely in Christ,


João Braz Card. de Aviz
Prefect

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