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Dear Friends,

The church recently concluded the season of Christmas. I pray that Christmas was a time to celebrate the birth of the Lord with your family and friends.

As the church enters the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, marked by the use of green vestments and decorations, we enter into a period that has hope and growth as its primary focus. This liturgical season offers each of us an opportunity to reflect on the mystery of Christ, in reality the Life of Christ as we witness in the Gospels. Ordinary Time is a time of conversion, a conversion of heart and mind that continues to transform us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

As I visit each of our Catholic Schools, I see in our young people a true sense of hope and growth that only God can offer. This hope bodes well for them and the lives that God invites each one of them to lead. May God continue to bless each of you.

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