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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time of Thanksgiving, many of us will take a moment to reflect on the blessings in our lives.

As I look back on the past year, I am thankful for the tireless effort and generosity of those who have supported *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope*. This historic effort, which began a little more than 15 months ago, is enabling the Church of Philadelphia to respond to the needs of its people now and in the future.

Through the dedication and prayers of pastors, volunteers and donors, over 21,000 families already have made pledges and gifts totaling \$110 million toward our goal of \$200 million. Many more parishes will introduce this extraordinary endeavor in the coming months, which encourages us that our goal will be met.

On behalf of the people, parishes and programs that will benefit from your sacrificial pledge, I extend my gratitude.

Sincerely in Christ,

**+Justin Card. Rigali**

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
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