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My Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Apostolic Nuncio, the representative of the Holy Father to the United States, I am pleased to be with you once again in Indianapolis and to express Pope Francis' spiritual closeness to you and to assure you of his prayers. Shortly, I will read you a message from him for this gathering of the NCYC.

I am pleased that you are here to encounter Christ, to experience the togetherness of the Church, and to renew your commitment, in the power of the Spirit, to be disciples of Christ, united to other young people and around the world.

Advent is on the horizon, and we journey with Mary, who was young person, who knew how to say *yes* to God's plan for her life. With a profound trust, she surrendered herself to God, without having all the answers, but knowing that in God's hands everything would work out for the best.

Today, the young people of the world are looking for other examples of those who say *Yes* to God without fear and with great trust. They, and, indeed, the whole Church, is waiting expectantly and with hope, for your *Yes*. The Church today needs your witness – your joyful witness – to Christ and to what He offers.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Christ has established His Kingdom, which come in its fullness at the end of time. Now, he calls you to help build His Kingdom by leading others to seek His Kingdom. His is an "eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." It is a Kingdom that will be fully revealed at the end of time, after the destruction of every enemy and last of all, death.

What Christ offers you is life! Never lose you love for Him or your enthusiasm for His Kingdom!

And now, I will read the Message from the Holy Father: