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Dear Brother Knights,

Based on the merits of the Year of Prayer Campaign anchored by the Prayers in the Pew program, I lend my hands and join my voice with knights, priests, religious and faithful as we come together as one body to drive a unity of prayer movement across our great State and nation.

At this critical time in the history of the world and our Church, the timeliness and importance of having a coordinated and dedicated effort to rally commitments to attending Mass consistently and on-time cannot be emphasized enough. I therefore urge all pastors within the Archdiocese of San Francisco and beyond to lead their flocks in rallying to this commitment.

While comprehensive and sustainable, the Prayers in the Pew's dedication to Mass attendance helps to simplify the complex world around us into a single, organizing idea that unifies and guides our lives. Additionally, I applaud the Knights for valuing at all levels of the Church the need for the evangelization of people especially the young people and crafting this effort to ensure we base our rededication to this work around the Holy Eucharist.

The Holy Eucharist is our sharing in the body and blood of Christ, our sharing of our sacrifice with Christ made present to us on the altar joining in communion with the Church saying, "yes, we believe and practice what the Church teaches and calls us to practice." Going to Mass every Sunday to pray and to receive Communion which is the heart of Catholic practice is a discipline of faith centered around the formation of habit of worshiping and glorifying God.

Together with Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the New Evangelization and Patroness of the Americas, I ask the Lord to grant His blessings. May God grant you as the men of the Church the grace to be agents of change with this program and to hold up truth, beauty and goodness as you are strengthened in your communion with the Church and in your witness to the world.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

