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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

In her *Magnificat*, our Blessed Mother proclaims, “the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.” I pray that during these trying times, the Lord might bless you with an awareness that these words are true for each of us as well. Even as our world is surrounded by so much uncertainty, be assured that the Almighty is still doing great things for us. May we be blessed with eyes and hearts of faith with which to see this.

On Friday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. CT, Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will renew the consecration of the United States to the care of the Blessed Mother. In 1847, our country was dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. This Friday, Archbishop Gomez will renew the consecration of our country to her and call upon her powerful intercession and protection in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

I invite you to join me in participating in the celebration via livestream through this link: <http://www.usccb.org/consecration>. Additionally, I will be renewing the consecration of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to the Blessed Virgin Mary during the celebration of Holy Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on Sunday, May 3 at 8:00 a.m. CT. Please join me in this celebration as well, which you may access at cathedralstl.org/live.

The Almighty is, indeed, doing great things for us. I pray that this renewal of the consecration of our country and our archdiocese to His Blessed Mother and ours may be an opportunity for us to recognize anew the ways in which He is still generously active, even in these challenging times.

May Mary, the Immaculate Conception and the Mother of the Church pray to her risen Son for us all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis