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Dear Bishop Zurek,

This letter brings our respectful greetings and an assurance of our prayers for you and your ministry.

Many pro-life leaders in the United States and around the world have written to you and other bishops in recent weeks regarding Fr. Frank Pavone and the important work that he and his associates do. It is our understanding that you have asked him to remain in Amarillo for a period of time, which has not yet been completed.

We write to you out of the conviction that Fr. Frank should continue the work he has done so effectively for the past 20 years, and that the ministries he heads should continue to flourish because of the unique contribution they make to the cause of life in our nation.

We are not simply observers of Fr. Frank and his work. We are his colleagues, his friends, who have worked with him, strategized with him, suffered with him and rejoiced with him at the various high and low points of the struggle against abortion. And we feel his absence.

It is therefore not only out of conviction, but out of concern, that we write to you, because the longer that Fr. Frank is separated from the opportunities he has to continue his work, the more our cause suffers as a result. It is not that Fr. Frank thinks he is irreplaceable; it is that we think he is the right person for the job he has been doing, and that he needs to continue doing it. The success of his ministry is the result of strategic relationships and trust that he has built up over two decades, and not simply of carrying out a job description that could be handed to someone else. Moreover, the rationale for such a change is not at all apparent to us.

We are therefore hopeful that within a short time you and Fr. Frank can work out any misunderstandings or concerns that may have arisen, and that we can soon have him among us again as an effective priest and pro-life leader who has given his life and ministry for the unborn children whom we all work so hard to defend.

Sincerely,

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