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Your Eminence,

On behalf of the board of directors and staff members of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, I wish to congratulate you on your appointment to serve as a Cardinal of the Catholic Church. This honor is a testament to your dedication, exceptional leadership, and profound contributions to the church and its faithful.

It was a joy to host you for a tour of our Catholic Charities agency in May of this year during your visit to the Diocese of Jefferson City for the rededication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Receiving you and sharing with you the mission of our service to the poor was truly a delight for our staff. Your experience of our work and your expression of the intentionality of our agency to be not only functional, but also beautiful, was a sign to us of your understanding of the value of our ministries and our efforts to serve the poor.

Your appointment as a Cardinal not only recognizes your exceptional qualities as a shepherd but also highlights the trust and confidence that the Holy Father and the Church place in your leadership. As you assume this elevated role within the College of Cardinals, I am certain that you will continue to be a beacon of hope, unity, and spiritual guidance for the entire Church.

Be assured of our prayers for you as you undertake this new responsibility. We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire you as you embark on this new chapter of your vocation and that God will bless you abundantly, granting you the wisdom, strength, and grace to carry out your important mission as a Cardinal.

May you continue to be a guiding light, a source of wisdom, and a source of strength for the Church and all those entrusted to your care.

Yours sincerely,

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