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Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

June 29 will mark the sixtieth anniversary of the priestly ordination of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, which took place on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul in 1951. This is a particularly appropriate occasion for us to rally around the Supreme Pontiff, to demonstrate to him our gratitude, our affection, and our communion with him, both in his service to God and to the Church and above all in that "Truth which shines upon the world" to which he continually calls us through his teaching.

As a means of a spiritual observance of this anniversary in a way that would be pleasing to the Holy Father, each ecclesiastical circumscription is warmly invited, especially through the participation of its priests, to offer sixty hours of Eucharistic Adoration in observance of the Holy Father's sixtieth anniversary. These sixty hours, offered either continuously or divided across various days in the month of June, are intended for the sanctification of the Clergy and for obtaining from God the gift of new and holy priestly vocations.

To the Most Eminent and Most Excellent
Diocesan Ordinaries
At Their Sees

These hours of prayer could conclude on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that being the day dedicated to priestly sanctification as well as First Friday for the month of July. In this way, the Pontiff could be honored with an extraordinary spiritual bouquet of prayer and spiritual union, capable of showing both the real center of our life from Whom every missionary and pastoral effort comes forth, as well as the authentic face of the Church and of her Priests.

Confident in the cordial and solicitous collaboration of each Ordinary, I look forward to our coming together in a spirit of deep and enduring communion in this important anniversary. I take this opportunity to renew my sentiments of esteem, and with every best wish, I remain

Sincerely your in Christ

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