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Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women
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Dear Magnificat sisters:

It is my privilege as the Archbishop of New Orleans to endorse the ministry to Catholic women which was approved by my predecessor of happy memory, Archbishop Philip M. Hannan.

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, finds its roots in the prayer breakfast in 1981. Since then, you have grown to encompass numerous chapters in the United States and in other parts of the world. Certainly, the growth of your organization and its vitality is a sign that you are responding to God's call and are true witnesses of his love to other women. You do this in person and through radio broadcasts as well.

In talking with my brother bishops, they have noted that Magnificat is an important ecclesial ministry in the Catholic Church. I have much gratitude for this organization and in its simple beginnings in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

As we celebrate this Year of Faith and the New Evangelization, please know that your ministry is a true blessing to the Catholic Church in the United States and throughout the world. Thank you for committing yourself to the work of evangelization for the past 30 years.

In conclusion, I commend you for your dedication and the many ways in which you encourage women to reflect upon their vocation and to live that vocation out faithfully. You embody the inspiring message to women made at the solemn closing of the Second Vatican Council on December 8, 1965 affirming that the "hour has come when the vocation of women is being achieved in its fullness. This is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do much to aid others in not failing."

May God's blessings be with all of you. May the love and guidance of the Blessed Mother bless you, your family and all those whom you hold in your heart.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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