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My Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Risen Lord! For the past few years I have had the privilege of accompanying *Magnificat* on life's journey as the Spiritual Advisor for the Central Service Team. My admiration and love for each of you who participate in this ministry grows each year as I see the Marian heart each of you possess as you desire to "proclaim the greatness of the Lord" (Lk. 1:46) with her through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through *Magnificat*, may each of us grow in contemplative prayer, the charismatic gifts, and in a charity that overflows to all we encounter in our homes and in the world in order to fulfill the evangelizing mission of the Church and proclaim that "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:11). Each *Magnificat* gathering is a chance to do just that: pray, praise and proclaim! Let us ensure that we remain faithful to the mission that was established at that first prayer breakfast almost forty years ago.

As we continue to entrust ourselves to our Blessed Mother Mary, she will always lead us closer to her Son, and allow us to follow her example to "do whatever He tells you" (Jn. 2:5). My dear sisters, *siempre adelante, nunca atrás* – let us always move forward, never back!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Msgr. David L. Toups