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# Letter of Most Reverend Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, Archbishop of Philadelphia

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Dear Members of The Mariological Society of America:

I am happy to extend to you a warm welcome to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as you gather here for your forty-seventh annual meeting.

Your effort to foster and provide a firm foundation for devotion to the Mother of God is a special gift to the Church. It is especially timely that your meeting this year places the issue within the context of interreligious dialogue, an arena especially dear to the heart of John Paul II. May the Spirit of God, who over-shadowed Mary at the Incarnation and who continues to diffuse divine Wisdom throughout the world in sometimes hidden and mysterious ways, be bountifully present to your gathering.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes for abundant blessing upon all who attend and participate in this endeavor on behalf of the beloved Mother of God and for the glory of God's Name.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua*  
Archbishop of Philadelphia