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Reverend and Dear Father Caron:

I write to acknowledge your kind letter welcoming me to the Diocese of Rochester as our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, appointed me the tenth Bishop of Rochester on January 7, 2026. Your kind words are very encouraging to me as I begin my time as Diocesan Bishop. I will always strive to serve with the mind and heart of Jesus Christ and with fidelity to His bride, the Church.

In addition, let me offer you my sincere congratulations on the 25th anniversary of Cross Catholic Outreach. Its work in Catholic international relief and development, in collaboration with the Dicastery for the Service of Charity and the encouragement of the Holy See, has made a great impact in the many areas in which you serve around the world. Grounded by deep faith and union with God in prayer, Cross Catholic Outreach lives out our Savior's example and command to manifest God's love around the globe.

I wish you and your dedicated staff and volunteers a very blessed 25th Anniversary of your good work, and assure you of my continued prayers, admiration, and support.

With prayerful and cordial regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ John S. Bonnici

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