

**VIDEO GREETING OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST
WASHINGTON, DC
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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to join you at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast via this brief video message. As the representative of the Holy Father, Pope Francis in the United States of America, I greet you cordially in his name and assure you of his spiritual closeness. This is the 20th anniversary of the first Prayer Breakfast, which from the beginning was a response to the call for a “new evangelization”. Integral to what Pope Francis calls the “delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing” (EG 9-13) is the experience of praying together, as you are doing this morning.

My thanks go to the organizers of this event, including Mark Randall, who invited me to offer this word of greeting.

My thanks and encouragement go also to each one of you who remains committed to being part of a Church that goes forth; a people that brings unity in place of conflict; and a community that offers to all, without exception, the possibility of a personal encounter with the saving love of Jesus Christ.

May God bless your encounter today, and your continuing witness!