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Reverend and Dear Father,

Through you I send greetings to all the members and participants gathered in Philadelphia for the Annual Conference of The Society for Catholic Liturgy on the theme *The Liturgy and Post-Modernity* taking place from 28 to 30 September.

The question you are confronting is indeed an important one which has occupied the minds and hearts of liturgists and pastors certainly since Romano Guardini, in his open letter to the Third German Liturgical Conference in 1964, posed this provocative rhetorical question: "would it not be better to admit that man in this industrial and scientific age, with its new sociological structure, is no longer capable of a liturgical act?" That question was valid for Modern man and remains so in this era of Post-Modernity.

I wish to commend The Society for Catholic Liturgy for bringing its academic expertise and pastoral experience to bear on this important issue so that God's Holy People, whose hearts continue to thirst for the true, the good and the beautiful, may be able to drink deeply at the wellspring of Christian worship.

Thank you all for the work you are engaged in. Be assured of my prayers for the success of your endeavors and I ask that you remember me and all who work in this Congregation in your private and communal prayer.

With every good wish and kind regard, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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