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Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It is a joy to greet you as you gather this weekend for the New York Encounter.

I am pleased to note that this year's theme – *Crossing the Divide* – perfectly exemplifies Servant of God Monsignor Luigi Giussani's belief that the core of the Christian method of analysis is "to demonstrate the relevance of faith to answer life's needs." As we celebrate the life and work of Monsignor Giussani, please join me in giving thanks for the ongoing work of *Communion and Liberation*, as well as everyone who has worked so hard to make this New York Encounter possible.

In our divided time, moments of clarity where our culture comes together to mourn and celebrate have more importance than ever. The program for the 2020 New York Encounter reflects a genuine desire for community and connection at the heart of our Faith in dialogue with and enriching broader culture. It has been my privilege to attend as a panelist these last few years, and I have no doubt that the conversations this weekend will provide a diverse and powerful look at our shared human experiences!

Allow me to extend a special greeting to Archbishop Christophe Pierre, your celebrant this Sunday morning. Your presence here at the New York Encounter is much appreciated.

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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