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Dear Father Michalowski:

Pleased to learn that Our Lady of the Mountain Church in Long Valley, New Jersey, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its establishment as a parish on September 29, 2019, I have the honor of conveying to you as pastor and to each of the parishioners the warm greetings, heartfelt congratulations, and spiritual closeness of His Holiness Pope Francis.

On this occasion, the Holy Father gladly unites with this beloved family of faith in thanking Almighty God for the abundant blessings of these past fifty years, a milestone which is, indeed, a tribute to the contribution of so many devoted clergy, religious and laity, who, with fidelity and generosity, have passed on to generations the treasure that is our Catholic faith.

His Holiness is confident that this important commemoration will inspire in all of the faithful, particularly the young, a renewed awareness of their mission to bear joyful witness to the Lord, and he fervently prays that they will grow in appreciation of their baptismal dignity as children of God and members of Christ's Body, recommitting themselves to lead ever more authentic lives in accordance with the teachings and values of the Gospel.

With these sentiments, the Holy Father commends Our Lady of the Mountain Parish to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the protection of Saint Michael the Archangel and paternally imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

Offering my own personal best wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Archbishop Christophe Pierre
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