Almighty and Eternal God, Creator and Lord of the Universe, we humbly worship and adore Thy Sovereign Majesty, one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Out of the depths of our hearts we thank Thee for the blessings which in the bounty of Thy goodness Thou hast bestowed upon our Nation, our State and our City. We thank Thee in particular today for the freedoms which are guaranteed to us by our Constitution and for the security and prosperity that flow from these blessings into every phase of our civic, economic and spiritual life.

We thank Thee for the spirit of unselfish dedication that inspires our fellow citizens to accept the responsibilities of public office with a sense of devotion that guarantees efficiency, fidelity and success that makes them worthy of public trust and gratitude.

Today we invoke Thy blessings, O Lord, in particular upon such a public servant, the Honorable Chep Morrison, who has for three consecutive terms, covering a period of twelve years, discharged with fidelity and personal sacrifice the duties of Mayor of our beloved City of New Orleans.
with honor, with efficiency and with merit. So outstanding have been his vision, his industry and his achievements that he has won the acclaim of fellow city administrators throughout our country and in foreign lands; so conspicuous has been the progress of our City under his administration that his fellow citizens have given him a mandate in a convincing election to a fourth term of four years as our City's chief executive.

It is upon this new term of four years that we implore with all humility and confidence Thy blessing, O God; may Thy hand, O heavenly Father, be ever extended over him in benediction and protection; may O Lord Jesus Thy love and the merits of Thy grace be to him sources of inspiration and generosity in his dedication to public duty and opportunities propitious to public welfare; may Thy gifts, O Divine Spirit, the gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge, enlighten him, the gift of counsel guide him, the gift of fortitude strengthen him, so that his administration ever contribute to the security of our City and its further progress and influence. May his new administration demonstrate more convincingly than ever the integrity of his life and the sincerity of his dedication to public welfare so that he may be to all his associates in office and his fellow citizens a source of inspiration and to our youth in particular an example of true Christian manhood and a worthy expression of civic loyalty and devotion.
Dear Friends in Christ:

All too inadequate are mere words to express the sentiments of gratitude and joy which we experienced on Monday last, when the combined result of our Campaign of Progress was announced by the Deanery and District leaders. While our first general report on May 8th already pointed to a most propitious development, we hardly dared anticipate an excess of more than $500,000.00 over the minimum quota set for the Campaign. Most thrilling, then, were our emotions when parish after parish reported results in excess of their allotted quotas and nearly all Deaneries and Districts had gone "over the top" by margins of many thousands of dollars.

In this moment of triumph we deem it our first duty to thank most sincerely Almighty God, Whose blessing was so manifestly with and in our dedicated efforts. May His goodness and bounty be praised ten-thousand fold!

Next in order we pay a tribute of gratitude to Our Lady of Lourdes, under Whose patronage we had in all humility and confidence placed our Campaign. Again she proved that her intercession is never invoked in
vain, when God's honor and glory, the welfare of the Church and the good of human souls are concerned.

In the third place our gratitude is herewith publicly proclaimed to the members of our Clergy who sparked the Campaign with their enthusiasm and leadership, to our faithful lay leaders and workers, who spared neither effort nor sacrifice to present the Campaign convincingly to tens of thousands of our parishioners and friends, to our generous contributors whose combined gifts make up the princely total of more than three and one-half millions of dollars. May God bless and reward most abundantly this combined effort of good will, charity and sacrifice!

Two outstanding reasons have prompted us to extend the Campaign effort until June first. Notwithstanding the almost superhuman efforts of our workers, some eighteen thousand families and wage earners have not been given the personal opportunity to contribute. We are confident that all will expect to have a share in our Diocesan program of progress. Therefore, the workers will gladly carry on until the last prospect has been interviewed.

Secondly, many who have postponed their decision and some who for one reason or another did not contribute will welcome the opportunity to join their fellow diocesans in this forward movement in the interest of charity, Christian education and Catholic efficiency.
The result of this additional Campaign effort will enable us to carry out more surely and more efficiently the plans for a new Junior Seminary, a new Home for the Aged Poor, more Catholic student center facilities or Newman Clubs and a Central Administration Building or Chancery Office for the Archdiocese. The generosity of the Campaign success will guarantee more excellent symbols of progress that will do honor to God, the Church, the Archdiocese and the vision, charity and generosity of our generation. May God's blessing hover over this crowning effort of all our loyal members and friends.