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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary *JBB*

Date: April 2, 2020

Subject: Invitation to Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Your Eminences / Your Excellencies,

I take this opportunity to convey to you the enclosed letter of Most Reverend José Gomez of Los Angeles, President, inviting you to join in prayer in the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9 am PDT / 12 pm EDT this Good Friday, April 10, 2020.

By a special grant from the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See for those who pray for the end of the pandemic, a plenary indulgence is available for those who join Archbishop Gomez in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday. A plenary Indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sins and may be applied to oneself or to the souls of the deceased [*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1471].

To receive this indulgence, a member of the faithful would need to

- a) pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart on Good Friday
- b) be truly repentant of any sins they have committed and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (at the earliest opportunity)
- c) pray for the Holy Father's intentions.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this memorandum.