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Dear Friends,

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

One of the greatest challenges of our Church is to reach out to the portion of the Hispanic community that is not active in the practice of their faith. Since 2004, the San Juan Diego program has been collaborating with the Archdiocese in an effort to reach out to fallen away members of the Hispanic community.

Since my arrival to Portland as Archbishop two years ago, I have personally witnessed the fruits of the SJD program. They have competently proved to be effective in reaching out to fallen away Catholics by integrating them into their local parish community. They have successfully trained local Hispanic leaders and led people into the fullness of their sacramental life.

As chief shepherd of the Archdiocese, I am pleased to offer my endorsement to the San Juan Diego Program and I pray that it will continue to bear fruit in its evangelizing work in the Archdiocese of Portland. With gratitude to the good work of the San Juan Diego community, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander K. Sample".

Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon