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Dear Rosary Coast to Coast Community,

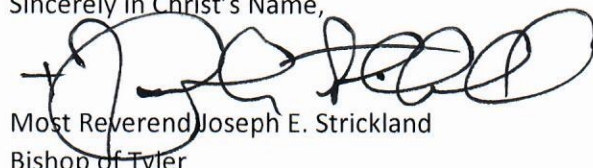
As we celebrate the "Lily of the Mohawks," St. Kateri Tekakwitha a virgin, who followed in the footsteps of Immaculate Mary the Mother of God by dedicating her life to God and consecrating everything she said and did to following Jesus Christ, it is a fitting day to call the faithful, once again, to pray the rosary.

I am pleased and humbled to add my voice to the distinguished Cardinal, Archbishops and Bishops who have already endorsed this effort and called the faithful to generously dedicate themselves to it. We are living through days of darkness and strife which we have never before witnessed in our lifetimes and the power of the rosary is truly a weapon of love that we must all embrace more strongly than ever. The Immaculate Virgin Mary, St. Kateri, and so many women and men like them through the ages offer a model for seeking justice, peace and fulfillment which is sadly lacking in our modern world. Mary has given us the rosary as a tool with which we can join in her continuous intercession of love for all of God's children.

I urge the people of our nation to commit to praying the rosary and trusting that this prayer will bring them great spiritual strength for their personal journey. Beyond the personal benefits that praying the rosary brings to each of us, we must also rejoice in the immeasurable blessings it offers to our nation and our world.

May God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you abundantly and may Immaculate Mary inspire you to continue to grow in wisdom, age and grace.

Sincerely in Christ's Name,



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