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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to the bishops' general assembly, where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. With our brother bishops across the nation, Bishop Nevares and I will be dedicating ourselves to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, November 5, through Sunday, November 11. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.
- For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.
- For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm.

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join us in praying for these intentions. Bishop Nevares and I would also be grateful for any prayers for us and our brother bishops during our general assembly, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church

This letter and more details are available at [fidelity.dphx.org/resources](http://fidelity.dphx.org/resources).

Please be assured of our prayers for you, as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

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