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Catholic Family Life Association
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to extend to you my heartfelt regards and prayers welcoming you to the 2023 Catholic Family Life Association Conference!

I am grateful for Catholic Family Life Association and its mission to strengthen and enrich husbands and wives to live joy-filled sacramental marriages. May God's abundant grace bless each one of you as you make this a fruitful and encouraging encounter with the living God.

Pope Francis has spoken beautifully about God's plan and love for marriage: "Man and woman are image and likeness of God! This tells us that not only man in himself is the image of God, not only woman in herself is the image of God, but also man and woman, as a couple, are the image of God. Marriage is the most beautiful thing that God has created."

Please be assured of my prayers for each one of you as you grow in your love for Christ and His plan for man and woman in marriage, and that, through your own commitment with each other and within your families, you may be faithful witnesses and proclaimers of God's plan for marriage and family life, strengthening the vitality of the Church and offering hope to all humanity.

May Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, grant you peace and joy,

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
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