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Dear Friends in Christ,

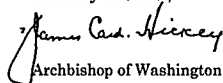
As you gather for the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Mariological Society of America (MSA), I offer you a very warm and cordial welcome to the Archdiocese of Washington. As dedicated scholars and servants of the Church, you honor and enrich this Archdiocese by your reflections on the Mother of God and her role in God's plan of salvation and in the life of the Church.

During this time of preparation for the Great Jubilee, it is so important for every believer to draw closer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She leads us to Christ and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, helps us deepen our understanding of Christ's mysterious and salvific truth and love.

I regret that I am unable to be present for these proceedings but I have asked my auxiliary bishop, the Most Reverend William E. Lori, to represent me. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will overshadow your proceedings so that they may bear fruit for the life of the Church.

With kind regards and prayers, I am

Sincerely in Christ,


Archbishop of Washington