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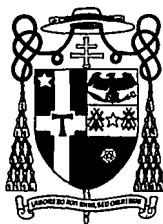
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Friends in the Lord:

I am indeed very, very happy to know that the forty-eighth annual meeting of the Mariological Society of America is to be held in San Antonio from May 21-23, 1997. I am very proud of the privilege to have all of you in this city on this great occasion. I am sure that you will find the beauty and warmth of San Antonio very welcoming and uplifting. All of the people of the Archdiocese of San Antonio welcome you....;Bienvenidos! It is good to have you in our midst. I join the Oblate Fathers in welcoming you to the Oblate Renewal Center. We just finished our annual priests' retreat there and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The new facilities are superb...you will enjoy them too.

I pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten you to see even more clearly the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in choosing Mary to be the vehicle by which Jesus Christ came into the world. This made her the mother of Christ, the mother of the Church and the mother of us all. Today, there is definitely a thirst for love and knowledge of this beautiful woman of God. There are many who have turned to her in times of need and have been most grateful to her for her love and her divine assistance. You have the energy to share your knowledge and experiences with the people of the U.S.A.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Patrick F. Flores, D.D.
Archbishop of San Antonio

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