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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As Archbishop, my most important responsibility is to accompany and lead all of the souls entrusted to the care of the Church in Philadelphia to follow Jesus more closely and to learn how to bring Him to others. Supporting one another on that shared journey is the essence of what it means to be a missionary disciple. It is my greatest hope that our local Church will become a community of missionary disciples with each of us on fire with love for Christ and equipped to help others find Him.

To make this vision a reality, I am inviting you to participate in a new initiative called Go Forth. The plan is simple. Each week starting on Ash Wednesday, I will send you a text message containing one practical thing you can do that week to grow in your friendship with Jesus or sharpen your skills for missionary discipleship. All you have to do is subscribe to Go Forth, which you can do by texting *goforth* to 84576 or going to the website phillydisciples.org/goforth.

Together we can create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I look forward to being on this journey with you. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson J. Pérez".

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D. D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia