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Dear Participants and Volunteers
Catholic Heart Work Camp:

Peace be with you!

When I was told recently of your commitment to preach the gospel (and, if necessary, to use words to do so), I wanted to extend my blessings on your efforts. We recall that in the parable of the sheep and the goats found in the Gospel of Matthew, the Master points out that whatever was done for the least of his brothers and sisters was done for the Master himself. Your actions and prayers this week, show that you want to live these words to the fullest.

Prior to being named a bishop, I was a Benedictine monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. A motto of the Benedictines is "Ora et Labora"—"Prayer and Work." St. Benedict believed that prayer and work were vital means of helping us grow in holiness. My prayer for you is that the work of service you undertake and the prayers you offer this week might not end when the camp ends, but that your prayer and work might continue to conform your hearts to the heart of Christ the Servant.

God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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