



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

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His Eminence Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell,
Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life,
Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church,
Chairman of the Committee on Confidential Matters,
Chairman of the Investment Committee,
President of the Supreme Court of Vatican City State,

Your Eminence Cardinal:

I send greetings and I thank you for the Grace that God grants us through His Eminence.

I am writing to express my support for the Public Association of the Faithful "Missionaries of Mary" as they seek Pontifical recognition to continue to engage in evangelizing and catechetical efforts internationally. The materials that they have developed are firmly grounded in Catholic principles and the Sacred Scriptures.

Their leadership has been working in the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona, United States for the last 30 years and internationally for 26 years. On September 8, 2011, their statues were canonically erected by Archbishop Hector Miguel Cabrejos Vidarte, OFM of the Archdiocese of Trujillo, Peru.

The principal purpose of the Association is to form members of the Church to be Missionary Disciples, who can transform culture and society so that the Christian principles of the Church are lived in the home and in everyday life. The formation involves three steps: first, the encounter with Christ, secondly, learning about God in Scripture, the Catechism and other Documents of the Church and finally, evangelizing in small groups that conduct three different types of missions. The first is in their own home, the second is in a familiar location (parish, work or school) and the third in an unfamiliar location (another parish or diocese).

Their base in Phoenix is called MaryTown, a center from which it operates its evangelization activities. According to their statutes, "The purpose of Mary Town "will always be the conquering of the whole world for the Immaculata as soon as possible... and everything through Mary for Christ."

I am confident that the efforts of the Association will bear good fruit for the sake of God's kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop John Patrick Dolan
Bishop of Phoenix