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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is a personal regret and sadness that I am not able to be with you today for the service of Christian burial for our dear sister Ann Mayfield, but I and my fellow bishops are each meeting today the obligations of long ago established commitments elsewhere in the church. Know, however, that my heart and prayers are with you now.

I have known Ann as long as I have been in the Diocese of New York, and treasured her as a friend, a responsible and faithful church leader, and a colleague in ministry. Her passing now, as it is seemingly so suddenly, is an occasion for me and you and all who knew her an occasion of profound bereavement. I send my condolences to all of Ann's family and friends, to the people of All Souls Parish, and to the people of the Church of Calvary - Saint George. May God grant Ann the grace and blessing of his light and life, and eternal life in his presence.

In addition, however, I want to extend a particular word to the people of the Cursillo community in the Diocese of New York. For decades, Cursillo has been for people across the church and here in our diocese, a movement into a deeper, richer, and more fully committed Christian life. Those who give themselves to the movement are those who have a great heart for the lost and wandering, for true seekers after God, and for the life and witness of our parish communities. Nothing could be a more certain characteristic of Ann's own passions, life and purpose than those convictions. Among her legacies, and among the number of ways in which Ann will be remembered, her work in the leadership of the Cursillo community in the Diocese of New York will ever be a jewel in her crown, and I know that across that community, in parishes in every place, Ann's leadership of Cursillo, her life and ministry among us, and her gentle, kind and loving countenance are missed today, mourned today, and in every corner prayers are being offered up for the repose of her soul and the rising of her spirit. As you gather before cross and altar today, and commend Ann's soul unto God, know that you are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. And I among them. With every good wish, I remain

Yours,

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