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My Dear Spiritual Children the Clergy and Faithful of the Albanian Archdiocese.

Christ is in our midst. He is and always shall be.

I greet you with love and in the spirit of thanksgiving as we gather to celebrate the Centennial of the Albanian Archdiocese in America. When one part of the body of Christ suffers, all suffer and when one part of the body of Christ rejoices and celebrates, the whole Church celebrates.

I express this joy on behalf of the whole Church as we celebrate our centennial.

For more than 100 years, the clergy and faithful of our Archdiocese have shared in the Church's life and mission. Accepting the challenges and struggles that are part of any diocesan life, we have also rejoiced in your successes and been the recipients of many divine blessings. Most importantly, for more than a hundred years our community has willingly accepted the Gospel mandate to "proclaim the glad news."



May our anniversary celebration be a time of remembering and a time of joyous thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings throughout these past ten decades. May He grant Memory Eternal to the clergy and faithful of our Archdiocese who have fallen asleep and Many Years, Per Shume Vjet! to these who continue to labor in His Vineyard.

With love in Christ,

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