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Messaggio

The Most Reverend José H. Gomez

Archbishop of Los Angeles

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV sends cordial greetings to all who are participating in the 70th Los Angeles Religious Education Congress taking place in Anaheim. As you gather for these days of prayer, formation and fellowship, he trusts that they will provide an opportunity for true spiritual renewal. As men and women dedicated to the task of religious education, you are well aware that “the authentic teacher arouses the desire for truth” (Apostolic Letter, *Drawing New Maps of Hope*, 2.2). Indeed, by deepening your relationship with Jesus, who is the Truth (cf. *Jn* 14:6), and continuing to be faithful and joyful disciples in your daily lives, your authenticity as educators and catechetical leaders will enable you to transmit the Gospel in such a way that it leads to a true encounter with the Lord and contributes to building up a lasting and life-giving culture (cf. *ibid.*, 1.1). His Holiness would likewise encourage the young people present to open their hearts to the love of God. Love not only led Jesus to give himself for us on the Cross, but also to remain with us in the Blessed Sacrament. In this regard, he prays that their experience at the Conference will help them to discover Jesus’ Eucharistic presence as an unfailing

source of comfort and strength in all of life's circumstances. Entrusting all of you to the maternal intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Angels, the Holy Father gladly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of wisdom, joy and hope in the Lord.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin

Secretary of State

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