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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes
All Clergy
All Institutes of Consecrated Life

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From: Archbishop Gagnon

Date: October 2, 2024

Re: October 7, 2024: A Day of Prayer and Fasting

This morning, Pope Francis invited all of us to observe Monday, October 7 as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace. The Holy Father reminds us: "in this dramatic hour of history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations, the Christian community is reminded of its call to put itself at the source of humanity."

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzabella, who originally called for a Day of Prayer and Fasting spoke of "the realization that for the past year, the Holy Land...has been plunged into a vortex of violence and hatred never seen or experienced before."

I would ask that you encourage all parishioners, throughout the Archdiocese, to join in the Day of Prayer and Fasting. Obviously, it is important that, we ourselves, participate in this day.

As we commemorate the memorial of Mary, Queen of the Rosary on Monday, we invoke her intercession for peace and reconciliation.