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To the participants in the 10th anniversary celebration of **Crossroads Cultural Center**:

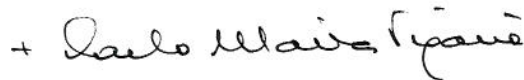
As the personal representative of our Holy Father Pope Francis to the United States of America, I am pleased to convey to all of you the spiritual communion of His Holiness.

As you celebrate this evening in memory of Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete, may you delight in the memory of a man who enriched the culture by helping people in various walks of life to encounter Christ in the human experience. Monsignor Albacete fostered this encounter in a way that anticipated the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, in which Pope Francis said:

Proclaiming the Gospel message to different cultures also involves proclaiming it to professional, scientific and academic circles. This means an encounter between faith, reason and the sciences with a view to developing new approaches and arguments on the issue of credibility, a creative apologetics which would encourage greater openness to the Gospel on the part of all (132).

Commending Msgr. Albacete to the loving arms of God, and wishing you all the blessings of a joyful Easter season, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò
Apostolic Nuncio

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