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His Holiness Francis
Apostolic Palace
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Your Holiness:

On behalf of the priests, deacons, men and women religious, and the lay faithful of the Diocese of Austin, Texas, USA, we congratulate you on your recent election as the Successor of Peter. Please be assured of our prayers as you begin your pontificate. We are grateful for your generous response to humbly serve the universal Church.

May God grant you good health and strength, and may Mary, the Mother of the Church, wrap you in her mantle of loving care and protection.

Ad multos annos!

Respectfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Bishop of Austin

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