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Rev. John Mary Foster Special Ministry Missionaries of Divine Mercy 1346-A Hueco Springs Loop, Rd. New Braunfels, TX 78132

Dear Father Foster,

When Jesus prayed, he often went to a place of solitude, on a mountain, in the desert, or in the dark shadows of a garden. In seeking a private sanctuary for prayer, Jesus prepared to respond to all that the Father required of Him. As Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, I pray that Mission la Divina Misericordia will provide that sanctuary, that quiet place, for people who seek the will of God in their lives.

Your vision of establishing a place for prayer, devotion, and community will hopefully someday provide a place to reflect on the love and mercy of God for many who come here. We live in a world filled with powerful distractions that keep us from those quiet conversations with a loving God for which our heart yearns.

I pray that this groundbreaking will be a joyous event that will give you and all who support your mission the inspiration to move forward in faith. May those who come here in the future, be filled with the Grace of God so that they may pray with faith and obedience as Mary our Blessed Mother did, in a spirit of faith and obedience, "Thy will be done."

May Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, grant you peace and joy,

+ José W. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez, S.T.D. Archbishop of San Antonio