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Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

Thank you for this occasion to follow upon my previous correspondence of November 23, 2018, as regards the establishment of the organizing committee and the consultation phase for the February 21-24, 2019 meeting at the Vatican on the protection of minors in the Church. I value this opportunity to keep you updated and informed as regards the ongoing preparation for that meeting.

On that basis, I am pleased to share with you a letter signed by Pope Francis, which accompanied the registration form for the February meeting. Please find attached the original letter in Italian, along with an unofficial translation.

My brothers, I know we join with our Holy Father and the sense of collegiality and urgency that his thoughtful letter conveys.

I take this opportunity to thank those who responded to my previous letter of November 23. I was glad to receive several comments. These may be sent to Msgr. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary, by email at [bbransfield@usccb.org](mailto:bbransfield@usccb.org). I likewise renew my request that you would share with me any further consultation that you believe would be valuable as we move into this important preparation for February. In the meantime, please know that I will convey to you for your consideration any further official requests for consultation that I may receive from the Holy See.

With prayers that this Advent season may be a time of blessing and renewal, I remain

Fraternally in our Lord,

*+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

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