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Your Excellency,

I have been asked by the Secretariat of State to transmit to you the following message:

The Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson Bishop of Yakima Episcopal Delegate to the Catholic Climate Covenant

His Holiness Pope Francis sends greetings and prayerful good wishes to the participants in the Conference on the theme "Laudato Si' and the United States: A Conference series on our common home", to be held virtually from 13 to 15 July 2021. He trusts that by bringing together Catholic leaders engaged in pastoral, educational and youth ministries in order to share their reflections and expertise, the Conference will contribute to the development of effective programs and practices at all levels of the Church within the United States to promote and enhance the care and protection of our common home. His Holiness likewise hopes that this event will be an opportunity to foster a deepened commitment of all to a responsible simplicity of life, grateful contemplation of God's world and concern for the needs of the poor so that a "Culture of Care" can permeate both the Church and the broader society (Cf. Laudato Si', 214, 231). Upon those taking part in the Conference, the Holy Father cordially invokes God's blessings of joy and peace.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin Secretary of State

With assurances of my good wishes, I remain

Yours faithfully,

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