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Dear Mr. Liston:

Pleased to learn that the Catholic Business Exchange will be gathering to celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 19, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the Apostolic Nuncio, the representative of the Holy Father to the United States, I wish to express the spiritual closeness, paternal affection and heartfelt congratulations on this occasion in the life of your organization, assuring all gathered of the prayers of Pope Francis.

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis said that the vocation of the businessperson is a “noble vocation, provided that those engaged in it see themselves challenged by a greater meaning in life; this will enable them truly to serve the common good by striving to increase the goods of this world and to make them more accessible to all.” (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 24 November 2013, 203).

Indeed, the Holy Father is calling you, the members of the Catholic Business Exchange, to be missionaries of the social dimensions of the Gospel, not only by creating and sharing wealth and resources, but also by promoting authentic values that serve the human person and his dignity. Your efforts over these fifteen years have also demonstrated in action the virtues of faith, charity, and solidarity, offering hope to others through your support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, the Fatima Retreat House, the Women’s Care Center, and many others.

I encourage you to continue to live your vocation by God’s grace and according to God’s law, keeping the Gospel alive in your hearts and protecting the dignity of the human person.

Commending you to Saint Joseph the Worker, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in Christ Jesus.

Offering my own heartfelt best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Christophe Pierre  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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Mr. Jim Liston  
Founder, Catholic Business Exchange  
15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Message  
Indianapolis, Indiana