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Dear Friends of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas,

Referring to your courteous letter addressed to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, I am pleased to confirm that your communication regarding the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Snow Ball was duly conveyed to the Holy See.

I now have the honor to inform you that the Holy Father, having been apprised of your initiative, assures you of his spiritual closeness and expresses his heartfelt esteem for the mission and charitable service of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. He is grateful for the organization's tireless commitment to living the Gospel mandate of love through concrete acts of assistance to individuals and families in need throughout the region.

To all who are gathered for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Snow Ball, His Holiness wishes to recall a thought from his Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, in which he reflects on the Lord's words: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). In that context, the Holy Father teaches that this saying is not simply an invitation to perform acts of kindness but a reminder that drawing near to the weak and the overlooked is a privileged way of encountering the Lord. Through the poor, his voice continues to speak to us (cf. *Dilexi Te*, 5).

His Holiness, while expressing his gratitude to all who live this truth through their generosity and commitment, hopes that the Annual Snow Ball will be marked by joy, fellowship, and renewed purpose. He invokes upon all participants the Lord's abundant blessings as a pledge of strength, perseverance, and peace.

With the assurance of my good wishes for the event's fruitful outcome, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Cardinal Christophe Pierre  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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