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Dear Pastor/Administrator,

After just a month or so as Director of the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York, I write to you to introduce myself and to provide some contact information for myself and the Family Life Office team. I am grateful to His Eminence Cardinal Dolan and Monsignor LaMorte for this appointment and look forward to ministering with you and your parish leadership. I come to the Archdiocese of New York after many years of experience in Catholic schools, parishes, and (arch)dioceses, including fifteen years in the Diocese of Brooklyn serving as Secretary for Evangelization and Catechesis, responsible for multiple pastoral offices including the office of marriage, family life, and respect life. In each role, service to the parish pastor and leadership has always been my priority.

During the next few months, I look forward to meeting you and discussing ways that the Family Life Office team can be of service. Any opportunity to meet you and listen to your needs is a welcomed chance to be of service. Feel free to contact me or other team members now or in the future. Especially during this Synodal time, we stand ready to listen and respond.

Please see that attached contact information sheet regarding the present Family Life Office team. This attachment provides updated contact information in a "Who to Contact" format for services provided by our office, including email and phone numbers. I ask that you pass this information along to your staff and all who might find it helpful. This is just the beginning of information to be shared with you about the offerings of the Family Life Office and the initiatives to assist you, your staff, and your parishioners.

I am grateful to those who have already warmly welcomed me and ask for your prayers of support during this transition period, and I look forward to meeting you if I have not already.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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