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Dear Friends,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

As you may be aware this year holds some significant milestones for the Archdiocese of Melbourne – the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese (25 June 1847), and the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's Cathedral (27 October 1897).

After the past two and a half years of uncertainty, these particular opportunities give us great reason to celebrate not only the rich faith journey of God's people here in Melbourne but the hope and joy for our future flourishing.

As the year gets underway, I would like to warmly invite you to be part of the first significant milestone – the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese to be commemorated at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 26 June 2022.

This eucharistic celebration will highlight the unfolding life of the Archdiocese through the worship, prayer and music of our people. This particular Sunday also recognises the final gathering of the World Meeting of Families, and it is appropriate then that as we celebrate the journey of our rich family of faith here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, we also acknowledge the great grace that families are for the future life of people in Christ.

I invite your families, choirs and communities to be present for this joyous occasion, and encourage you to offer this invitation widely.

St Patrick, great missionary of faith, pray for us.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely In Jesus Christ,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne