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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

May Jesus and Mary be in your soul.

I am writing to you with great joy as we continue to journey together in faith and as we set our sights to the Springtime, specifically the month of May which is dedicated of course, to Our Lady.

I warmly invite you and all members of lay ecclesial movements, associations and new communities to join us for the second annual **Day with Mary**. This special gathering will take place on 30 May at Villanova College in King City, Ontario. Drawing inspiration from our Blessed Mother's loving intercession and her example of faithful discipleship, this family-friendly day promises to be a time of prayer, reflection, fellowship, and renewal in our devotion to her who leads us ever closer to her son, Jesus. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, Marian-themed music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a keynote address for the adults and age-appropriate catechesis and activities for children, we will gather together on this day to deepen our bond with Mary, Mother of the Church, and allow her to guide us in our pilgrimage of hope and holiness toward the eternal reward of the Kingdom of God.

I am deeply encouraged by the inspiring teaching of Vatican II on the Blessed Mother: "While the Mother is honoured, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified (*cf. Lumen Gentium, 66*).

Our planning committee will be providing registration information, resources and additional information online at www.archtoronto.org/Mary in the days to come. I sincerely hope you might consider organizing your members and attending the day together as representatives of the lay associations and groups of the archdiocesan family.

While thanking you for the witnessing and charisms you share within our archdiocese, I pray that the Lord continue to bless you and your apostolic endeavours and faith in abundance.

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto