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### MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary *Abb*

Date: September 30, 2020

Subject: U.S. Bishops' Virtual Rosary on the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

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Your Eminence / Your Excellency:

I take this opportunity to share the news that Most Reverend José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of our Conference, is inviting us to join in a unique witness of prayer on October 7, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. To carry this out, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is planning a virtual prayer event with the intention of uniting Catholics across the country in a moment of prayer for America at this time when there is so much unrest and uncertainty.

Archbishop Gomez has invited several bishops, representing the various geographical regions of the United States, to pray a part of the Rosary. It will premiere on the USCCB's [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#) on Wednesday, October 7 at 3:00 PM ET (12:00 PM PT).

The USCCB invites bishops to encourage the faithful in your respective dioceses to join in this prayerful moment of unity for our country, to seek healing and to ask Our Lady, on her feast, to pray for us and help lead us to Jesus. The USCCB will be using the hashtag **#RosaryForAmerica** on its social media and will be asking the faithful to share where they are praying from, to post a photo of their rosary, and to leave a prayer intention for our country.

The event will be promoted on the USCCB's social media platforms. Social media graphics in both English and Spanish may be found by clicking on the sample graphic below or going to the USCCB's web page: <https://www.usccb.org/rosary-america>. If you find it useful, please feel free to utilize this material in promotion of the event. The video will also be made



available to every diocese for posting on diocesan websites and social media channels. This information will also be shared with the diocesan communications directors later today.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this memorandum.