

December 31, 2022

Dear Dr McBride,

Thank you for sharing with me the very particular story of your conversion: the Lord be praised for His immense Grace.

In your message you tell me about your initiative to announce three days of fasting to propitiate heavenly protection to the United States of America against the subversive attack of the *deep state*.

I can only encourage and bless this commendable gesture of penance, to be accompanied by prayer – above all the Holy Rosary – for the beloved Nation which I had the privilege of knowing during my office as Apostolic Nuncio.

I would suggest to clarify to the recipients of this initiative that the fasting days should end on January 5, because January 6 is the solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, a very important feast for the universal Church in which we do not fast. The fasting days will be three, from January 3 to 5, almost in preparation for the Epiphany of the Son of God, to be offered to the Child King together with the gifts of the Magi.

I hope that this initiative will find many adherents, in a spirit of true reparation of the innumerable sins and grave betrayals committed. May these three days of fasting in union with the Passion of Our Lord obtain from the divine Majesty the victory of the children of Light over the workers of iniquity. And may Mary Most Holy, terrible defeater of the infernal Serpent, be able to accompany and protect us in this spiritual battle.

I wholeheartedly impart to you, dear Dr. McBride, and to all those who defend the principles of our holy Religion, as well as to all those who adhere to fasting, my greatest and paternal Blessing.

+ Carlo Maria Viganò, Archbishop