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Dear Brothers in Christ,

I write this letter today, to encourage you to attend and experience the 2018 Esto Vir Conference. As I reflect on the many challenges the world faces today, it is more important than ever that we follow God's call to missionary discipleship. It is through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church that we work together to foster households and communities of discipleship.

The Esto Vir Conference provides a wonderful opportunity to invigorate one's faith by allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire His work in us.

This year, as you make the decision to attend next year's Esto Vir Conference, I encourage you to also consider purchasing one or two additional tickets and ask the Holy Spirit, through contemplative prayer, who you should invite to accompany you. Is it a neighbor, a friend, a family member or a co-worker? How wonderful it would be to invite others to discover Jesus and share how He has touched your life! It is your steadfast faith and love of the Church that will make a great difference in helping to create communities of discipleship!

Brothers, please know that you and your families are in my prayers, as I look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Esto Vir Conference. May He walk closely with you in these months ahead as you contemplate who you will invite to discover Jesus, as I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
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