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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now, you have all heard the sad news concerning our brother, Bishop Gabino Zavala.

In this difficult moment in the life of our local Church, it is understandable for us to feel disappointed, confused and maybe angry. That is why I am writing to you. I share some of these feelings and I feel a spiritual closeness to all of you in this time.

So let us pray for one another and for all involved in this situation.

The Church is human, but the Church is also divine and Jesus promised to be with his Church until the end of the age, nourishing us with his Word and sacraments and guiding us by his Holy Spirit.

Let us see this moment as an invitation to deeper conversion, a time of prayer and penance to purify the interior of our hearts. Let us strive with new dedication to be more generous in our worship, more compassionate in our love, and more faithful in our commitment to Jesus and his Gospel.

I ask the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of the Angels. Through her prayers, may we make this a time when we renew our faith and love for her Son and for his Catholic Church.

May the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, grant you peace.

+ José H. Gomez

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