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Dear and Rev. Fr. Kail,

It is with great joy that I received your letter dated 3 January last, by which you invited me to participate in the conference, "Nostra Aetate: Drawn to Fellowship-the promise and progress of interreligious dialogue" to be held in Villanova University from 7 to 9 November 2019. I congratulate Villanova University for organizing a conference on a theme that is based on *Nostra Aetate*, Declaration on the Relation of the Church and non-Christian religions. Today more than ever this Declaration of the Second Vatican Council requires reflection and application in order to assure peaceful co-existence of religions and cultures.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to participate in the event due to other appointments already in program. I therefore inform you that Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Cherupuzhathottathil, Official of this Congregation, will be representing me at the Conference with a message.

I hope and pray that this conference will allow the participants to make an in-depth study of the Declaration and ways to put its message into practice.

Leonardo Card. Sandri

Prefect

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Archbishop Secretary