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Your Excellency:

I write to express the concern of the United States Catholic Conference at the recent and troubling threats directed against your person and other prominent individuals in El Salvador. Your years of dedicated service to the Church and people of El Salvador, and your outstanding leadership in advancing the process of peace in your country have won many friends and admirers here in the United States. They hold you today in their thoughts and prayers.

Whether the anonymous group calling itself the Roberto d'Aubuisson Nationalist Force is a real organization or not, or whether its threats are to be taken seriously, the very fact of someone writing these gross accusations against you is an affront which ought not to be tolerated. The responsibility of the civil authorities to investigate these scurrilous attacks is clear; I trust they will soon have discovered their source and put an end to the threats.

With all best wishes, and assurances of our prayers for your ministry, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. Reilly" with a small cross symbol to the left of the first name.

Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly  
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