



December 8, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The days and weeks that follow any election are often a period of uncertainty for all. We know and understand the fear and anxiety many of you have been experiencing. Be assured that your family, the Church, is with you and embraces you. Our doctrine and mission remain the same. As Pope Francis reminds us constantly, we are all called to live Christian Charity and to protect and defend the dignity of every human being, especially the poor and most vulnerable.

United with all U.S. bishops, we will continue to safeguard and maintain the wellbeing of those entrusted to our care. We will continue working with our government to bring about a just and effective solution for all who have fled persecution, violence and poverty in order to build a better life for themselves and their families. The Archdiocese of Seattle will continue to offer its programs and services to assist you in the path to citizenship and to keep all families united.

Remember that our loving Father, who knows all things and has numbered even the hairs on your head, will watch over and protect you and your families. Let your trust in the Lord and our Blessed Mother remain strong, as we continue to pray for one another, for our leaders and our nation.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain  
Archbishop of Seattle

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eusebio Elizondo".

Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo  
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle