

DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

November 7, 2023

Ms. Jane VanHouten Millions of Monicas 3109 Colchester Dr. Ada, MI 49301

Dear Ms. VanHouten,

Millions of Monicas have brought comfort to the souls of many mothers who have lost their children to the ways of the world. This ministry has established an oasis of peace and prayer in the ability of mothers to surrender their children to God and encourage the hope of their return to the regular practice of the Catholic faith.

The Catholic identity of this ministry and faithfulness to the Church, its teachings and mission are clearly established and fostered in the prayer materials and resources. The ministry directs its participants to the *Laudate* app, which hosts a rather inclusive array of Catholic resources, in order to access what is at the heart of each prayer session, the *Pray As You Go* app. This app, which is a ministry of the Jesuits of Great Britain, consists of introductory music and the day's Gospel reading, together with a reflection upon it. The *Pray As You Go* app can be accessed directly, however, without going through the *Laudate* app.

By means of this letter, I grant my endorsement for the apostolate of *Millions of Monicas* to be used in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. May God continue to bless this important ministry!

With assurances of my prayers and ongoing encouragement for your work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak

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