



April 19, 2017

Dear friends,

The feast day of St. Joseph, March 19th, marked the launch of our annual St. Joseph Campaign, which runs to the late-June feast of St. Josemaría. This campaign is vital to the success of the CIC, as we venture into the next phase of making the Church alive in the hearts and minds of young professionals across Washington.

This year's St. Joseph Campaign comes with a mixture of joy and nostalgia for me. As of Friday, March 31, with the CIC thriving – and after almost 10 years of serving many women and men in the busiest and most joyful years of my priestly ministry – I stepped down as Director of the CIC to pass the leadership to the very able Father Charles Trullols.

It has been remarkable to get to know so many wonderful professionals here in the heart of Washington DC, and watch them grow spiritually and professionally as they strive to sanctify their daily work. I cannot thank you enough for your support.

I have great faith in Fr. Charles and know that our committed staff and dedicated Board will continue to honor the CIC's legacy to create a vision for the future rooted in truth and virtue.

(I should add that Cardinal Wuerl has graciously conferred upon me the title of Director Emeritus for as long as my health permits me to help this continued development of the CIC.)

Thanks be to God, and to your exceptional generosity, the CIC has grown and flourished during this decade. The CIC has become the preeminent organization in our nation's capital focused on helping Catholics integrate their faith into their personal, professional, and civic lives.

There are even greater things yet to come. The Leonine Forum has become a source of energy, formation and education for a growing cohort of young women and men in the Social Teaching of the Church.

This coming year, we are already in the process of expanding the Leonine Forum to New York City and the greater Los Angeles area. Needless to say, your support in this endeavor will be vital.

You have been very generous in the St. Joseph Campaign in past years and so I would like to ask you to help us establish something of a small fund to help launch this new initiative to secure its success for years to come.

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Knowing this, a very generous benefactor has again agreed to match up to \$100,000 to support the CIC. That means every dollar you contribute to the 2017 St. Joseph Campaign will have double the impact.

Now more than ever, the CIC needs your support as we transition into this new phase. With over 85% of the CIC's income coming directly from generous supporters like yourself, this is an extraordinary opportunity for you to help further the CIC's mission of helping individuals integrate their faith into their personal, professional, and civic lives.

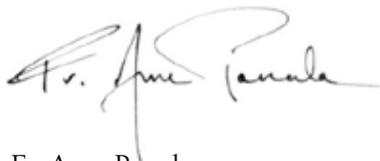
With your partnership, the CIC can continue to provide meaningful, culture-oriented material that tackles the hot-button issues of our day, fosters the best and brightest of the next generation of leaders through our flagship program—the Leonine Forum — and builds virtue in our nation's capital and beyond.

As one Leonine Fellow put it: “The CIC provides time to discuss timeless truths. It helped show me how to see those truths in many of the great and small events happening around us. And it did so while introducing me to men and women of faith struggling to answer the same questions that I have. There's really no other place like it.”

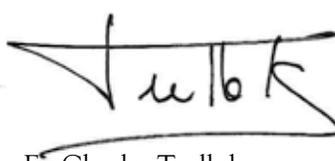
There is no doubt in my mind that, with your ongoing support, the CIC will continue to grow and provide the spiritual and intellectual nourishment this nation desperately needs. Thank you again for supporting our mission and ensuring we remain a strong presence in our nation's capital.

Your continued commitment will help ensure great things ahead!

With prayers for a joyous Easter season,



Fr. Arne Panula  
Director Emeritus



Fr. Charles Trullols  
Director