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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By his coming to live among us, Jesus gave greater meaning to every element of human history. All of it can be read in the light of his life, death, and resurrection. With this perspective of faith, we are called to rejoice for all the great things the Lord has done in our midst, in our history.



This anniversary year—the 150th since the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX—gives us the occasion to look back on our own history. What began as an experiment by English colonists at Saint Mary's City has grown and flourished into the community of believers we know today...

... This sesquicentennial year also gives us the opportunity to look forward in faith. As much as we pause to celebrate and marvel at the good things the Lord has done these past 150 years, we can hardly rest on our laurels. We know that the Lord still has work for us to do. We are urged to continue living our faith and sharing the joy of the Gospel with every single person in the twelve counties of our diocese.

Sincerely Yours in Our Lord,
Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly
Ninth Bishop of Wilmington

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