



## Office of the Bishop

*Diocese of Brooklyn*

310 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, New York 11215

September 28, 2018

Dear Friend in Christ,

Thank you for being open to meeting with Norvilia Etienne to discuss her vocation to consecrated life and to learn about the work that the Laboure Society does for men and women in discernment. The Laboure Society is well known to me because representatives from the Society have made presentations to the Bishops during the meetings of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Society is approved by the Bishops of the United States and has our full support.

The mission of the Laboure Society is to provide financial and spiritual support to men and women who have to pay off their student loans before they are able to pursue a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated religious life. Today, 42 percent of the individuals discerning a religious vocation in the United States are hindered from moving forward due to outstanding student loans. Through a training program, and with assistance from the Laboure Society, these discerners are able to pursue their calling to serve the Church as priests and consecrated religious.

I ask that you please be open to cooperating in God's will for Norvilia by donating to the Laboure Society. By doing so, you will help to make one more religious vocation a reality for the Church.

With gratitude for your generosity and with an assurance of my continued remembrance of you in prayer and in the celebration of the Eucharist, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Brooklyn

cc: Sister Maryann Seton Lopiccio, SC  
Delegate for Religious