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His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre was born in Brittany, ordained a priest in 1970, and consecrated a bishop in 1995. He began his service as a Vatican diplomat when Pope John Paul II named him Apostolic Nuncio to Guinea.

Archbishop Pierre has served in 10 countries, including Haiti and Mexico. In 2016, Pope Francis named Archbishop Pierre the Apostolic Nuncio to this country. To begin our conference, ladies and gentlemen, the Representative of the Supreme Pontiff to the United States of America: His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre.

Arch Christophe:

Good morning. I invite you at the beginning of this day for a time of prayer. Let us pray: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, whose goodness fills our hearts with joy. Blessed are you, who have brought us together at the beginning of this day to honor the memory of Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan, and their collaboration on behalf of world peace. Strengthen us with your grace and mercy to work together, and to walk together as your sons and daughters dedicated to justice and peace, determined to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. In you, Lord our God, all things have their beginning, continuation, and end. Grace us with your saving presence in this our gathering, aid us each day with your constant help, and let us glorify you now and forever. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. Have a good day. Enjoy.