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## Note from the Administrator

20 September 2020

Dear Parishioners,

*Benedicamus Domino!*

On the feast of the Nativity of our Lady, I composed and sent a letter to the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. This letter was inspired by the recent occasion of the Republican National Convention in which the President had a musical celebration that began with the Ave Maria. In this letter, I asked President Trump, as leader of our nation, to consecrate the United States of America to the Blessed [Virgin Mary](#). Further, I asked him to do so on 7 October in honor of the victory of Lepanto – a victory won through our Lady’s intercession. Even more, I asked him to do so here at the National Shrine of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, owing to the reality that Baltimore is the first Diocese in the United States to call upon our Lady’s patronage. This letter has been sent through many different channels and I am grateful to a variety of different people who have helped me behind the scenes to get this letter to Mr. Trump.

As of now, the President has not responded to my letter. I write to tell you all of this for two reasons. First, the news of my letter has begun to gain attention outside of the parish. It is only fitting, that you, my parishioners, learn of this from me. Secondly, I tell you this so that you may join your prayers and sacrifices to mine for the will of God to be done in this. My request of the President is a bold one, to be sure, but the Lord invites us to such acts of faith and trust in His Divine Will. In light of recent events in our nation, an act of consecration to the Blessed Mother seems more and more important, entrusting ourselves and our nation to Her powerful intercession.

Finally, it is important for us to thank Father Kiefer. It was his bold vision for this parish that inspired and gave me the courage to write the letter and to invite the President to consecrate the nation. Many times, he spoke to us as a parish of our need to pray for our national leaders and of his hope that one day, the political leaders of our nation would consecrate this country to our Lady. May that day become a reality soon.

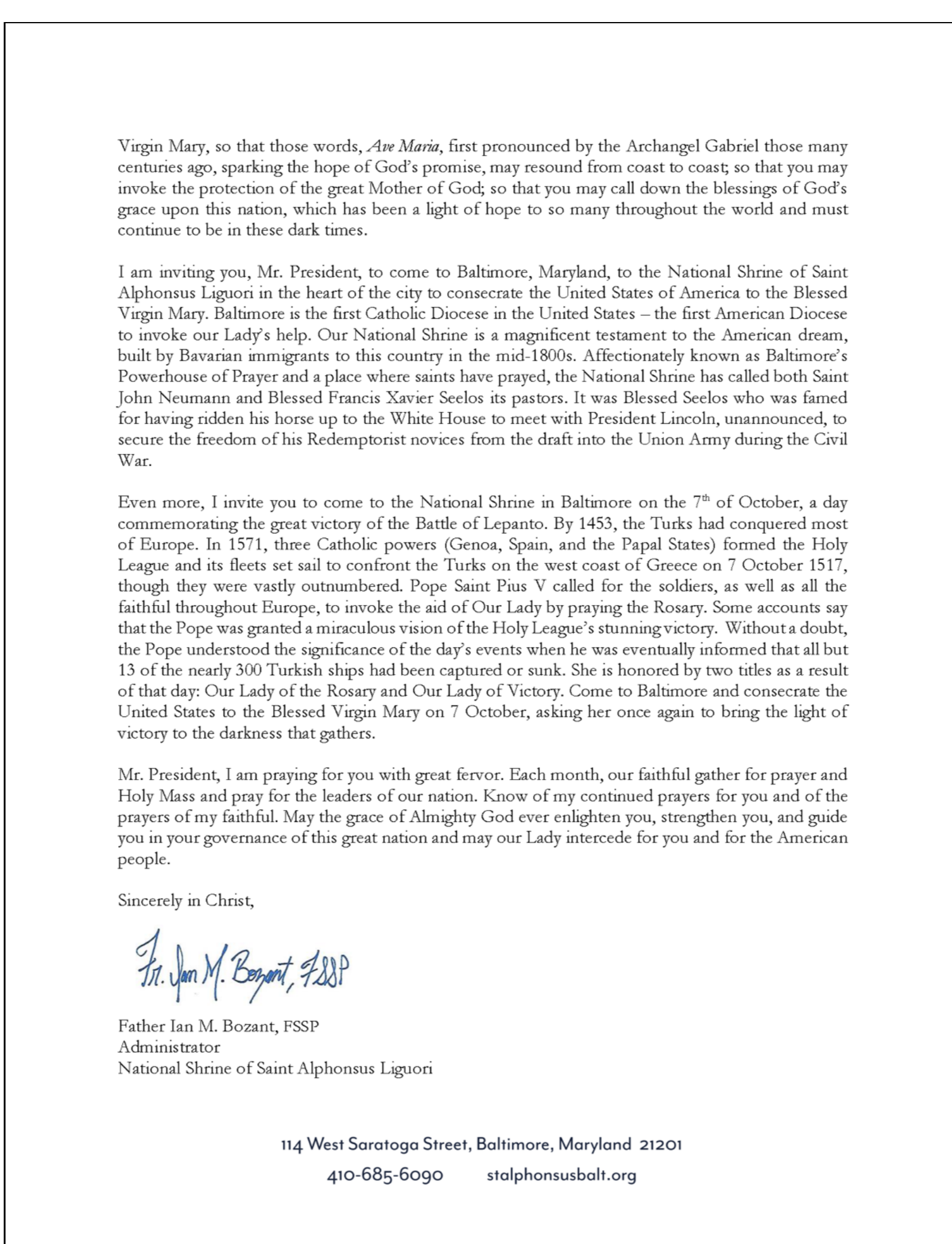
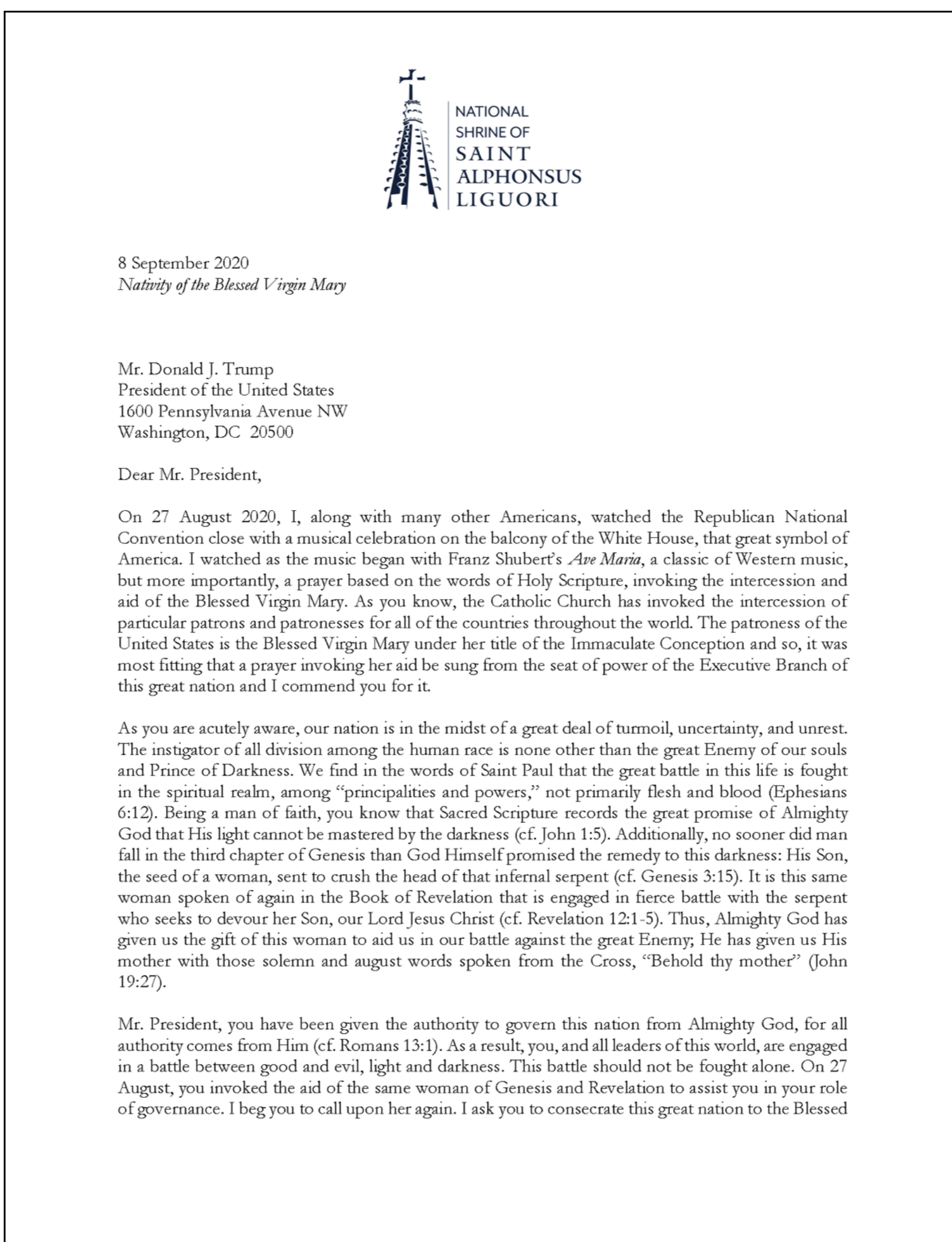
Now, we pray, wait, and trust in the plan of Almighty God who orders all things. May He look kindly upon this small effort and bless it, if it be pleasing to Him.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, *pray for us!*

Saint John Neumann, *pray for us!*

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, *pray for us!*

—Father Bozant, FSSP



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—Saint Augustine

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