

CELEBRATING

250

YEARS ANNIVERSARY

USA INDEPENDENCE DAY

As our nation commemorates the **250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence**, we pause with gratitude for the blessings of freedom that have shaped our country's history. This milestone invites us not only to remember the sacrifices of those who came before us, but also to reflect on our own responsibility to help build a society that honors the dignity of every human person.

As Catholics, our love for our country is expressed not only in words but in action. We are called to give back through our time, our talent, and our treasure. We serve our neighbors, care for the vulnerable, strengthen our families, volunteer in our communities, and support the mission of the Church. In doing so, we help form a nation rooted in justice, compassion, and hope.

One of the greatest strengths of our country is the generosity of its people. Together, Americans continue to reach out to those in need, not only within our own communities but throughout the world. Whether responding to natural disasters, welcoming those who seek safety, feeding the hungry, or supporting charitable ministries, we witness the goodness that comes when people work together for the common good. As Catholics, we are proud to be part of this mission through our parishes, schools, and charitable outreach, living the Gospel by serving Christ in others.

As we celebrate this historic anniversary, let us pray for our nation, for our leaders, for those who serve in the military and in public service, and for every citizen. **May God continue to bless the United States with wisdom, peace, and a renewed commitment to liberty, justice, and respect for every person from conception to natural death.**

May the Holy Spirit guide us to be faithful disciples, grateful citizens, and joyful witnesses to Christ, always seeking to be instruments of His peace in our homes, our communities, and our nation.

**God bless you, your families, and God bless the United States of America.**

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