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Dear Superiors and Collaborators in Mission:

Thanksgiving is less than two weeks away. As we approach this wonderful day for gathering with family and friends and giving thanks, I will be praying for all of you with gratitude.

We are now more than midway through Phase One of our apostolic planning process, and I write today to check in with you to see how everything is going and to encourage your participation in this important work. The Steering Committee is looking forward to receiving the reports from the spiritual conversations you are organizing in your communities and in your works so that they can create the questions and the task forces for Phase Two.

As I said in my original invitation, this is a pivotal moment for Jesuits West. We want to listen to the voices of all the people who collaborate in the ministries and works of the province (both lay and Jesuit); we want to hear where the Holy Spirit has been providing us with joy and consolation; and we want to begin to understand what might be getting in the way of greater joy and consolation. In the end, this is a work of the Spirit, and I am counting on your goodwill as we look together into God's heart, to discern where we, as Jesuits and lay collaborators, are being invited to go.

I look forward to sharing the results of these first conversations with you when we begin Phase Two in the new year. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ed Fassett, SJ, my delegate for Apostolic Planning at uweplanning@jesuits.org or at 408-884-1626.

Gratefully yours,

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