



May 15, 2019

Dear Students, Coaches and Judges,

It is my honor to welcome all of you to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for the 2019 National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) Grand National Tournament. What an outstanding achievement on behalf of the students to compete at this national tournament; you should be proud. I also extend my sincere gratitude to the coaches and judges who seek to foster the development of future, Christ-centered leaders. Leadership, when done well, is a virtuous undertaking.

Our Church today, more than ever, needs people committed to following Christ's example of service and leadership. The mission of NCFL, to seek the truth spoken in charity in imitation of Jesus Christ, is a mission I deeply resonate with. As I constantly urge the People of God to *love one another*, so do I encourage you to love one another as you strive to become our future leaders.

During your time in Milwaukee, you will have an opportunity to visit many of the city's historic and cultural gems. I encourage you to make time for fellowship and community at these various places, but also to make time for prayer in any of our city's churches. May this be an opportunity for you to encounter the love of God in new and profound ways.

Congratulations on your accomplishments this far! And may God continue to bless you all, particularly during this tournament and may you be filled with His Spirit of Truth and Love.

With assurance of prayers, I am I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecky
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