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Reverend Antoine Thomas, csj
"Children of Hope" Eucharistic Adoration Program
(by facsimile to 309-385-1830)

Dear Father Thomas:

Mrs. Sandy Rongish, the International Coordinator of Children of Hope, sent me a letter telling me of your desire to speak at the International Eucharistic Congress later this month in Quebec City, Canada, and to lead children and adults in Eucharistic Adoration during the Congress. I support you in this initiative and recommend you to the organizers of the Congress. Your dedication to introducing children to Eucharistic Adoration is an encouraging sign of faith and hope that helps the Church to maintain her unity around Christ. In a particular way, I am grateful for the way that the Children of Hope program nurtures the faith of the young, and forms them in a devotion that will sustain them throughout their lives and makes it possible for them to join their parents and other adult Catholics in prayer.

You will be in my prayers as you travel to the International Eucharistic Congress and I would be grateful for a place in yours. May God bless you and those he has given you to serve.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago