



# DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Office of the Bishop

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Rev. Marek Dzien  
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Dear Father Marek,

I thank you for your email of February 4, 2020 regarding your recent board meeting of the Santa Fe Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche and the inquiry if the Santa Fe Shrine is the pilgrimage church during the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee:

I can answer the question with an emphatic "yes"!

I am so grateful to hear of your collaboration with the board, parishioners, and pilgrims in your area. Please share with them the direction and vision at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, encouraged by our Holy Father, Pope Francis' words in *Sanctuarium Ecclesia*, "*The great influx of pilgrims, the humble and simple prayer of God's people alternating with liturgical celebrations, the fulfilment of so many graces that many believers affirm they have received and the natural beauty of these places enable us to see how the Shrines, in their various forms, express an indispensable opportunity for evangelization in our time. These places, despite the crisis of faith that engulfs the contemporary world, are still perceived as sacred spaces to which pilgrims go to find a moment of rest, silence and contemplation in today's often hectic life.*"

With kind regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez, STD  
Bishop of St. Augustine