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My Dear People,

I am delighted to share with you the full text of the Letter of the United States Catholic Bishops entitled "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response".

This Pastoral Letter has been carefully and prayerfully prepared and the Bishops of the United States are one in believing that it is an appropriate response to the signs of our times.

For this reason, my first priority is sharing this Letter with you. I am grateful to the Editors of the Courier for producing this excellent edition. I ask you, as one concerned for your life and human life on this earth, to please read this Letter. Please pray over it with a heart that is open to God's loving concern for the peoples of this earth.

A letter, however, remains words on a piece of paper unless it touches our hearts and leads us to act. Please act upon your convictions and share them with your family, with friends and with those who influence public policy.

I am sure that there will be programs in parishes and elsewhere that will help all of us to discover what to do next. May God bless us with wisdom and a love that is both courageous and practical.

Your brother in Christ,

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Bishop of Rochester

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