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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Human ingenuity is a God-given gift. Our ability to imagine and create is a reflection of the divine spark. As Catholics, we aspire to create things that serve the common good and echo the themes of the Gospel.

The Church faces new pastoral challenges with the advent of any new technologies. Often, they offer great hope to improve the condition of human life, but when used improperly they can lead to paths that do great harm. If we are properly informed, we can approach technological advancements with formed consciences and embrace them as tools for the advancement of Missionary Discipleship.

I'm pleased to welcome you to the inaugural Catholic/Crypto Conference which seeks to provide an overview of blockchain and meta tech through the lens of Catholic teaching.

Over the next two days you will meet more subject matter experts from a variety of disciplines involving technology and finance. You will also be joined by Catholic philosophers, theologians, and pastoral ministers. They are coming together to identify key opportunities that emerging technologies present for the Church and to chart a course for their use in a manner consistent with Church teaching.

God is good to us and his blessings are boundless. I encourage you to pray and ask Him to reveal what is good, true, and beautiful about these new creations. Pray also that this new technology will be used to glorify the Lord and lift up our brothers and sisters around the world, especially those who are most in need. May your gathering be fruitful and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson J. Pérez".

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D. D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia