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*Dear Mrs. Paulides,*

I greet you warmly in the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, while wishing you and your esteemed colleagues at the American Vitiligo Research Foundation a very happy and blessed new year.

It is with sentiments of paternal joy and delight that I address this congratulatory letter to you, commending you for your numerous years of steadfast dedication and unwavering commitment to raising awareness on the medical condition known as vitiligo. Indeed, your ceaseless work with the AVRF and tireless personal efforts to educate the public on this issue are truly admirable. But most importantly, the hope and solidarity that you have brought to families suffering from this ailment — and particularly to children — deserves much praise and recognition. Therefore, I encourage you to continue on in this valiant effort to bring much needed attention to this important matter. And may the Almighty grant you abiding strength and perseverance in your endeavor to raise money and seek a cure that will alleviate the troubles of all those afflicted by this unfortunate disease.

Extending to you and the entire American Vitiligo Research Foundation my archpastoral blessings and wholehearted prayers for abundant health, peace and happiness in the new year upon us, I congratulate you once again on your charitable work and contributions, and remain

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America