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**MESSAGE TO THE 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MODEL UNITED  
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Dear friends,

Thank you for taking part in this Model United Nations – and for believing in the power of global cooperation.

You are leaders in your schools and communities.

And this is a time like no other for all people to raise their voices and engage in our global community.

We are living in turbulent times.

Our planet is burning, conflicts are raging, and inequalities are deepening.

Human rights are under fire.

Mistrust and misinformation are polarizing people and communities.

But none of this is inevitable.

Time and again, humanity has shown that when we unite to tackle our greatest challenges, change is possible.

The United Nations itself is a good example.

Since 1945, it has been the place for countries to unite behind global solutions to global problems.

We need that same spirit of global solidarity today.

And we need your ideas, energy, determination and voice.

The Member States of the United Nations recently adopted the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration on Future Generations.

These initiatives are designed to strengthen multilateralism and to actively engage young people in deeper and more meaningful ways.

I firmly believe that your voices must count in the way decisions are made, strategies are established, policies are defined, and actions are implemented.

And I have no doubt that your Model United Nations experience will help develop those skills even more.

Let's keep working to build peace, heal divisions, and extend a hand to those in need, especially the most vulnerable.

The United Nations is your ally in this important journey.

We will never give up fighting for a future of peace, dignity and prosperity for everyone, everywhere.

And I am counting on you to be a force of positive change to help get us there.

I wish you every success.

Thank you.

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