



December 10, 2016 Season of Advent

Dear friends in the Lord,

It is a joy to greet you as you gather to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Richmond County Pipes and Drums, and I hope you have an enjoyable evening of fine dining and good fellowship.

For the past four decades, the members of the *Richmond County Pipes* and Drums have shared their God-given musical talents with others throughout Staten Island and across the City. Also, I know that your annual participation in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade is a highlight for you, but it also adds to the excitement of the day as all of New York celebrates both Irish heritage and the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of New York. Thank you for being a part of that wonderful day.

Know that I look forward to greeting you at the 2017 parade, and, I hope to having many more opportunities to be with you over the years that lie ahead. Have a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas season.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Im. Caro. Do Tem

Archbishop of New York