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Office of the Bishop

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To whom it may concern,

Every ten years our country conducts a census to count the number of men, women and children residing in the United States. The federal government uses information from the census to decide how billions of dollars in federal funding will be allocated to communities during the next ten years for services that are essential for our families, and our neighbors.

Our Catholic Church also uses this information from the census to effectively serve those in need. Any information that you give to the Census is protected – it can never be shared with any other government agency, employer or landlord. By law, the Census Bureau is not permitted to release responses in a way that could identify a specific person or household.

It is also important to know that the Census will NOT ask questions about citizenship or immigration status.

I invite every person to participate and be counted!

In Christ,

Most Reverend Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San Jose

U.S. Census field staff will always show a valid Census Bureau ID with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and expiration date. They will never ask for payments, social security numbers or financial information. If you suspect a scam, contact the California Regional Office at **213-314-6500**