

AD MULTOS ANNOS!

Church Leaders Reflect on Our 40th Anniversary



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Dear Father Philip, Brother Ken, and Brothers of Hope,

Allow me this opportunity to share my greetings and best wishes as you celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Brotherhood of Hope.

The inspiration of Fr. Philip to gather with a small group to establish a fraternal community has led to one of the most successful programs of evangelization for college and university students and young professionals, the future hope of the Church. In addition to this ministry, the Brotherhood provides the Universal Church the service of international mission programs from the colleges and universities.

The Archdiocese of Boston is blessed to be the canonical home of the Brotherhood and by the success of your ministry at Northeastern University, now extended to several other campuses through the Hope for Undergraduates in Boston (HUB) initiative. We are grateful for the service of your three priests incardinated in the Archdiocese, who have served on our seminary faculties, in the Archdiocesan Curia, and in the Holy See.

It is now well established that your witness of community life lived in vows provides a strong foundation for renewing the vocation of religious brothers. The continued growth of your community throughout the United States validates that young people yearn for the spiritual stability and clarity in the contemporary environment where transitory social developments leave them confused, uncertain and unfulfilled. Also, it is notable that more than 100 alumni of your ministry programs have entered seminary or religious formation programs. We give thanks for this gift to the Church.

Be assured of my prayers on this anniversary and that the Archdiocese of Boston looks forward to ongoing collaboration with the Brotherhood, to the glory of God.

Asking God's blessings on you and all the members of the community, I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,



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