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Dear Mrs. Orias:

I am deeply grateful for your letter dated July 16, 2005, the subject of which is the West Coast Eucharistic Shrine of Divine Mercy in the Diocese of Oakland. Copies of the letter were distributed to my Administrative Council for their perusal and response. It gave all of us a much clearer sense of your inspiration and hopes for the proposed Shrine.

We recognize your commitment to build and establish the Eucharistic Shrine of Divine Mercy. Deacon Thom M^cGowan has informed us of your hope to purchase a site for the shrine. He further advised you that the purchase of the land be one step, and the construction of the shrine be the second step, and the associated fundraising be likewise carried out in two parallel steps.

You pointed out in your letter, cited above, "that there are many facets and details that still need to be discussed and ironed out." Notwithstanding the need, it should not hinder your efforts to purchase the site (land) on which the shrine is envisioned to be constructed.

This letter is a part of my response to your letter cited above. It confirms your effort to purchase a site. It also indicates my need for discussion in several areas in which greater clarification is needed to facilitate my unqualified understanding and support to undertake construction of the shrine. Deacon Thom M^cGowan will be in touch with you to schedule a meeting that is agreeable to us mutually, and at which time, the other part of my response, the need we have will be explored. Prior to the meeting the areas of need will be pointed out to you by way of correspondence.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Bishop of Oakland