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The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

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Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr Stephen
From Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca. 428)

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! By the Grace of God, we were able to have a safe and successful summer camp program this year after a two year hiatus and were filled to capacity, with 126 campers and approximately 50 counselors and volunteers. We are extremely grateful to Katya Hubiak, David Drobish and Rebecca Rangel, our youth ministry program coordinators for all the hard work in preparing and organizing the camp.

We are also grateful to the V. Rev. Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, priest in charge for overseeing the vetting of counselors and staff and his investment of time and energy with the campers and staff. Additionally we were blessed to have Fr. Michael & Matushka Emilia Shepherd, Fr. Silouan Burns & Madre Emilia Burns and Fr. Vjekoslav Jovicic as a presence and support.

Additionally, we wish to thank the V. Rev. Fr. John Parker of St. Tikhon's Seminary and Abbot, Archimandrite Sergius of St. Tikhon's Monastery for generously making their facilities available for our Diocesan program and their personal contributions. We are also grateful to the volunteers of our Diocese, the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania and all who gave of their time and talents.

Finally, let us also thank those who prepared three meals a day for close to 200 adults and children meeting a variety of dietary needs. Food preparation takes hours for quality meals and is devoured in minutes. The daily cleanup after meals and setup for the next round was a labor of love.

Hopefully, we will see many of the same children, counselors and staff again next year. We also invite others of our Diocese to become involved and plan to serve next year.

Sincerely,

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