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Dear Father Pavone,

Word has reached me that you are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of your ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ and I hasten to express my congratulations to you.

A quarter of a century as a minister of Word and Sacrament is indeed an important milestone. It is a moment to look back with gratitude to Almighty God for so many graces received and shared with others. It is also a time to recall those who were with you in those first ministerial footsteps who perhaps have now completed their pilgrimage.

Pope Francis has urged us to remember that first enthusiasm of the Lord's call: "Ask for the grace, ask the Virgin for the grace, she who had a good memory; ask for the grace to preserve the memory of this first call." Of course, anniversaries are also occasions to look ahead.

Recalling our time together at the Villa Stritch, I join you in giving thanks and pray that the next quarter century will also be rich in blessings and in growth in divine love. May your service to the Church be rooted the Lord of the universe and His call to holiness and authentic witness.

With every good wish, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

(Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio
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