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Dear Father André,

What a privilege it is to witness and acclaim your outstanding gifts of service to Viterbo University!

The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration salute you and congratulate you upon receiving the 2013 Pope John XXIII Award for distinguished service. You join a long tradition at Viterbo of being honored in the spirit of a great man who transformed our world because of his own undaunted courage to speak his truth. In this way, John XXIII led others into a world of hope.

You have been making a difference as a theologian, Franciscan Friar, and leader of Assisi Pilgrimages. You share with others the lives and teachings of St. Francis and St. Clare in ways that inspire others to embrace the Franciscan spirit. You are known to so many at Viterbo University and FSPA as an excellent pilgrimage leader and a man who truly lives in the spirit of Pope John XXIII and St. Francis of Assisi.

As Pope John said in his spiritual testament to his family, so we also say: *Be of good heart. You are in good company!* You are in the company of this Viterbo family that celebrates its acquisition of wisdom through the window of love. May you be blessed with the same love and peace that Pope John XXIII and St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi wished for all the people they encountered.

Peace and all good,

Sr. Linda Mershon, FSPA

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