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**INVITATION TO CELEBRATE
AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY**

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12)

All are invited to join us at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA, as we commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America with a special week of prayer and thanksgiving.

Our celebration will begin with Holy Mass on Sunday, June 28 at 11:00 AM in the Main Church, celebrated by Bishop Efren Esmilla of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Following this opening Mass, we will observe a week of prayer for our nation. From Monday through Friday, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM in Our Lady's Chapel, the heart of the Shrine, followed by the Holy Rosary. Together, we will pray for our country and for all who call America home - past, present, and future - entrusting our nation to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of the United States under her title of the Immaculate Conception, asking her intercession for God's continued blessing, guidance, unity, and peace. Our celebration will conclude on Saturday, July 4 at 11:30 AM with a closing Mass in Our Lady's Chapel, offering thanksgiving for 250 years of freedom and entrusting our nation once more to God's providence through Our Lady's loving intercession.

We invite everyone to take part in this meaningful and prayerful commemoration. Let us come together in faith, gratitude, and hope, confident in the protection of Our Lady, as we honor this historic milestone and pray for our great nation.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our nation, watch over us and guide us, that we may remain faithful to your Son and live in peace and unity. Amen.

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