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Dear Friend,

Every era produces men and women outstanding in their witness to the Gospel. One or another is allowed to have their name etched on our calendars with opportunity for the church's liturgy to raise them up to the wonder and praise of the faithful. We believe Augustus Tolton is one such heroic Christian during a time of social and racial upheaval in this nation. His is a singular witness that speaks to us still. Four years of research and study into his life and ministry have brought to conclusion the Diocesan Phase of his Cause for declared sainthood. The case record is now in the hands of the Vatican Congregation for Causes of Saints.

The *Father Tolton Guild* embarked upon a project for purposes of spreading the story of Tolton through youth and adult education. I am delighted to send you an advanced copy of this publication. Readers of all ages will discover with this graphic novel the amazing life of this extraordinary man and priest who overcame rejection to live out his Call to serve God and the Church. The graphic novel is now available and being distributed by *Liturgy Training Publications* (LTP, Chicago) at the price of \$13 each, five dollars of which donated to the Cause.

Having presented Tolton's story to well over a hundred different groups across the country and beyond, the story deserves a much wider audience even now, as it is a unique narrative in the seldom heralded epic of African American Catholicism. Please join us in this endeavor by ordering as many copies as you need to assist with your educational ministry. On orders of more than 50 copies, additional copies are supplied free. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Thank you sincerely in anticipation, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Joseph N. Perry
Diocesan Postulator Cause of Father Augustus Tolton