January 24, 2025

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde **Episcopal Church House** Mount St. Alban Washington, DC 20016

Dear Bishop Budde,

We, Sisters and Oblates of the Community of the Transfiguration, thank you for your faithful and courageous homily during the National Prayer Service. You preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ with fidelity, kindness, and love. You gently addressed a powerful and dangerous man with compassion and truth. You showed what it looks like that a bishop is called to "boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people".

Since then you have refused to respond to attacks. You have been firm and gentle in your comments. You have been strong in your refusal to apologize for doing what you were ordained and consecrated to do.

Please know that you are in our prayers as you face the outrageous, ugly backlash you are enduring. If there is any other way we can offer support, you have only to ask.

With love and respect,

Sisters and Oblates of the Transfiguration

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