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Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

In exactly two months we will be celebrating, in Rome, the Pilgrimage of the Families from around the World, on the occasion of the Year of Faith. This will be a great opportunity for the hundreds of thousands of people coming to Rome to retrace Peter's spiritual journey and renew their faith, under the guidance of his successor Pope Francis, who will meet with the families on the afternoon of Saturday, October 26th, and preside over the solemn Eucharist on Sunday the 27th, in St. Peter's Square.

I hope to meet you in the course of those days here in Rome, together with a significant representation of families from your country. For several weeks already, the necessary forms for registration, absolutely free of charge, are active on our site: www.familia.va.

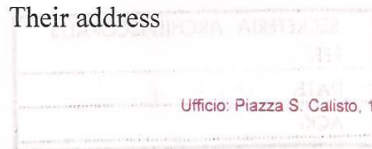
On the days just before the Pilgrimage, our Dicastery will celebrate its General Assembly. Thursday, October 24th, and Friday the 25th will be dedicated to a public Congress on the theme of the 30th anniversary of the publication of the *Charter of the Rights of the Family*. It would be a great joy for me to share those moments of comparison and analysis with you as well. You are invited to let us know if you will be present, and you may request further information by writing to roma2013@family.va.

To support and announce the process of the preparation for the Pilgrimage, different sorts of promotional material were prepared and put online in several languages, including a TV spot and three initiatives for children and young people (see the attachments). I hope that they can be useful for promoting this event in your country. Finally, the encounter on Saturday afternoon and the Mass on Sunday will eventually be broadcasted live worldwide and it will also be possible to propose them again on the occasion of local events.

I thank you for your attention and work in favor of the world's families,
and reassure you of my friendship in the Lord

+ Vincenzo Paglia
President

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