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Re: 7th World Congress for the Pastoral Care of Migrants 2014 – Final Document

Dear participants,

It is my great pleasure to present to you the Final Document of the 7th World Congress for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, attached in both Word and PDF formats (enclosures 1 and 2). Written on the basis of the proceedings of the Congress (conferences, round tables and workshop reports), and enriched by the suggestions and observations made by many of you recently, the Document is the result of the hard work and mutual collaboration of all of the participants of the Event (the list of whom can be found attached – enclosure 3).

As you will notice, the document is divided into three sections. The first is a brief summary of what occurred during the Congress, followed by a second section that offers a series of 16 distinct conclusions. The final section of the Document, written in light of these conclusions, is a series of recommendations to which the almost 300 participants have wished to declare their commitment to put into action in the upcoming years of their ministry.

Therefore, I kindly ask all of you who took part in the Event, National Directors and Bishop Promoters in particular, to share this document with all those responsible for the pastoral care of migrants in your countries, dioceses, local communities and parishes. In this way, it is my hope that the effort and hard work of the 7th World Congress may bear much fruit and assist in our ministry to Christ present in our fellow migrant brothers and sisters.

Thanking you all in advance for your collaboration and fervent service, I express my most sincere wishes for God’s blessing in your pastoral ministry.

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To the participants of the 7th World Congress
for the Pastoral Care of Migrants
(with 3 enclosures)