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February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Mr. Maurizio Maniscalco The New York Encounter Event President 125 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street NEW YORK, NY - 10011

Dear Mr. Maniscalco:

In view of the forthcoming New York Encounter 2024 it is my honor to forward you the message to the attendees of the event sent on behalf of the Holy Father. It will be my great pleasure to read it during the Mass of Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February.

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SENDS CORDIAL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ANNUAL NEW YORK ENCOUNTER SPONSORED BY COMMUNION AND LIBERATION. HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THESE DAYS, MARKED BY MOMENTS OF DIALOGUE AND REFLECTION, WILL SERVE TO DEEPEN IN ALL TAKING PART A SENSE OF SOLIDARITY AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS AT A TIME WHEN MANY ARE AFFECTED BY INDIVIDUALISM AND APATHY. THE HOLY FATHER PRAYS THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO A RENEWED ZEAL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF CHRIST'S JOY AND LOVE THROUGH CARRYING OUR WORKS OF MERCY, WHICH ARE THE BEST ANTIDOTE TO THE VIRUS OF INDIFFERENCE (CF. GENERAL AUDIENCE, 12 OCTOBER 2016). WITH THESE SENTIMENTS, THE HOLY FATHER INVOKES UPON THOSE PRESENT FOR THE NEW YORK ENCOUNTER THE ABUNDANT BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN SECRETARY OF STATE

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes for a successful and grace-filled celebration of the event, I remain, with warm regards

Yours sincerely,

Cardinal Christophe PIERRE *Apostolic Nuncio*