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## Reverend Father:

The Holy Father has received with gratitude the message that you have been so kind to send him, expressing in these moments, your affection, solidarity, and closeness, and assuring him your prayer at the same time, so that God may enlighten him and sustain him in the exercise of his ministry as Pastor of the Universal Church.

His Holiness Benedict XVI has much appreciated this gesture of special trust and ecclesial communion, to which he gladly answers with a special mention in his prayers, while invoking the loving protection of the Holy Virgin Mary. The Holy Father imparts the implored Apostolic Blessing, which he gladly makes extensive to the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit and to the members of the Works of the Cross.

I take the opportunity to express to you the testimony of my esteem in Christ.

Fernando Filoni Substitute

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