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From the Vatican, 14 January 2017

Your Excellency,

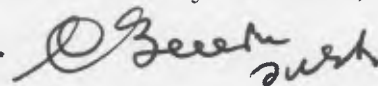
In reply to your request, I have the honor to transmit the following Message:

*His Holiness Pope Francis sends greetings and prayerful good wishes to all those taking part in the Global Leadership Conference on "Humanitarianism and Mass Migration" to be held at the University of California, Los Angeles, on 18-19 January 2017. It is his hope that these days of reflection and encounter on the part of social scientists, educational leaders and concerned citizens will contribute to a greater public awareness of the reality of forced displacement and a more effective response to this catastrophic tragedy affecting our entire human family. Conscious of the dimensions of this humanitarian crisis, he asks that special attention be paid to its effects on children, families and those who are most vulnerable in the face of exploitation. With gratitude to all who work to meet the needs of the poor and to overcome the culture of indifference, His Holiness invokes God's blessings upon the deliberations of the Conference and prays for the fruitfulness of its labors.*

Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State

With every good wish, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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