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Apostolic Trip of the Holy Father Francis in Colombia (6-11 September 2017) – Return to Rome and Telegrams to Heads of State

Return to Rome

Telegrams to Heads of State

Return to Rome

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father to Rome following his apostolic trip to Colombia landed at Rome's Ciampino Airport at around 12.50 today.

The Pope re-entered the Vatican at 13.50, after his customary visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major to thank the *Salus Populi Romani* for the positive outcome of his apostolic trip.

Telegrams to Heads of State

During the flight that began yesterday evening from Cartagena to Rome, flying over the Netherlands Antilles, the United States (Ocean and Puerto Rico), Portugal (Azores), Spain, France, and finally re-entering Italy, the following telegrams were sent on behalf of the Holy Father to the respective Heads of State:

Netherlands Antilles

HIS MAJESTY WILLEM-ALEXANDER

KING OF NETHERLANDS

EN ROUTE TO ROME AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC VISIT TO COLOMBIA, I GREET THE PEOPLE OF THE CARIBBEAN PARTS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, PRAYING FOR THE BLESSING OF PEACE, HEALTH AND PROSPERITY.

FRANCISCUS PP.

United States of America – Ocean and Puerto Rico

THE HONORABLE DONALD TRUMP
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON

AS I FLY THROUGH UNITED STATES AIRSPACE FOLLOWING MY APOSTOLIC VISIT TO COLOMBIA, I ONCE AGAIN PRAY FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, THAT ALL OF YOU MAY CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE ABUNDANT BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Portugal – Azures

HIS EXCELLENCY MARCELO REBELO DE SOUSA
PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC
LISBON

AS MY RETURN JOURNEY TO ROME TAKES ME ONCE MORE THROUGH YOUR AIRSPACE, I CORDIALLY RENEW MY PRAYERS THAT ALL THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE MAY BE BLESSED WITH THE ABUNDANT BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Spain

HIS MAJESTY KING FELIPE VI
KING OF SPAIN
MADRID

RETURNING TO ROME FOLLOWING MY APOSTOLIC VISIT TO COLOMBIA, I ONCE AGAIN SEND WARM GREETINGS TO YOUR MAJESTY, THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN, WITH RENEWED PRAYERS FOR THE SECURITY, WELLBEING AND PROSPERITY OF ALL.

FRANCISCUS PP.

France

HIS EXCELLENCY EMMANUEL MACRON
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
PARIS

RETURNING FROM MY APOSTOLIC VISIT TO COLOMBIA, I ONCE AGAIN GREET YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, WILLINGLY INVOKING UPON YOU AND ALL THE FRENCH PEOPLE ABUNDANT BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Return to Italy

HIS EXCELLENCY
HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA
PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE 00187 ROMA

UPON RETURNING FROM MY APOSTOLIC TRIP TO COLOMBIA, WHERE I WAS ABLE TO ENCOUNTER MANY FAITHFUL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THAT DEAR NATION, ADMIRING THEIR FAITH AND DESIRE FOR SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL GROWTH, I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY CORDIAL GREETING AND I ASSURE A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE GOOD, THE SERENITY, AND THE PROSPERITY OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE, TO WHOM WITH AFFECTION I IMPART MY BLESSING.

FRANCISCUS PP.
