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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia (5 to 7 May 2019)

Sunday 5 May 2019

ROME-SOFIA

07:00 Departure by air from Rome-Fiumicino International Airport for Sofia

10:00 Arrival at Sofia International Airport

OFFICIAL WELCOME

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER in the Governmental Lounge of the Airport

WELCOME CEREMONY in the square adjacent to the Presidential Palace

COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC in the Presidential Palace

MEETING with the AUTHORITIES, with CIVIL SOCIETY and the DIPLOMATIC CORPS in Atanas Burov Square

Address of the Holy Father

VISIT TO THE PATRIARCH AND TO THE HOLY SYNOD in the Palace of the Holy Synod

Address of the Holy Father

PRIVATE PRAYER BEFORE THE THRONE OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS in the Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky

REGINA COELI in Saint Alexander Nevsky Square

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16:45

HOLY MASS in Knyaz Alexandar Square

Homily of the Holy Father²

Monday 6 May 2019

SOFIA-RAKOVSKY-SOFIA

VISIT TO A REFUGEE CAMP

09:30

Departure by air for Rakovsky

HOLY MASS WITH FIRST COMMUNIONS in the
Church of the Sacred Heart of Rakovsky

Homily of the Holy Father

**Lunch with the bishops of Bulgaria in the Convent of
the Franciscan Sisters**

MEETING WITH THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY in the
Church of Saint Michael Archangel in Rakovsky

*Address of the Holy
Father*

17:15

Departure by air for Sofia

**PRAYER FOR PEACE PRESIDED AT BY THE HOLY
FATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF LEADERS OF THE
VARIOUS RELIGIOUS CONFESSIONS IN BULGARIA**
in Nezavisimost Square in Sofia

Prayer of the Holy Father

Tuesday 7 May 2019

SOFIA-SKOPJE-ROME

FAREWELL CEREMONY in Sofia International
Airport

08:20

Departure by air from Sofia Airport for Skopje

08:15

Arrival at Skopje International Airport

OFFICIAL WELCOME

WELCOME CEREMONY in the courtyard of the
Presidential Palace

COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT in the
Presidential Palace

MEETING with the PRIME MINISTER in the
Presidential Palace

**MEETING with the AUTHORITIES, with CIVIL
SOCIETY and with the DIPLOMATIC CORPS** in
the Mosaique Hall of the Presidential Palace

Address of the Holy Father

**VISIT TO THE MOTHER TERESA MEMORIAL
WITH THE PRESENCE OF RELIGIOUS
LEADERS AND MEETING WITH THE POOR**

Prayer of the Holy Father

HOLY MASS in Macedonia Square

*Homily of the Holy Father*³

Lunch with the Papal Entourage

ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS MEETING *Address of the Holy Father*

WITH YOUNG PEOPLE in the Pastoral Centre

MEETING WITH PRIESTS, THEIR FAMILIES, *Address of the Holy Father*

AND RELIGIOUS in the Cathedral

FAREWELL CEREMONY at Skopje International
Airport

18:30 Departure of Papal aircraft for Rome-Ciampino

20:30 Arrival at Roma-Ciampino International Airport
