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The Holy Father Francesco received in audience today, in the Vatican Apostolic Palace, the Captains Regent of the Most Serene Republic of San Marino, Their Excellencies Mr Alessandro Mancini and Ms Grazia Zafferani, who subsequently met with Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States.

During the cordial discussions, the historical relations between the Holy See and the Republic of San Marino and their fruitful cooperation were mentioned. The positive contribution of the local Church to the good of the country and its population was also discussed, and particular attention was given to the current health emergency and its effects on the ancient Republic.

Finally, some issues of common interest regarding the international scenario were addressed, in the European context and from the perspective of multilateral diplomacy.