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IN THE NETHERLANDS

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Your Excellency,

With reference to your letter of 18 April last, requesting a special message of the Holy Father for the prayer meeting “One hour for peace” which will take place in the “St Jakobus Church” in The Hague on 10 June 2024, I have the pleasure to forward you the enclosed message from the Holy See.

THE MOST REVEREND JOHANNES VAN DEN HENDE
BISHOP OF ROTTERDAM
PRESIDENT OF THE BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SENDS CORDIAL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO ALL GATHERED FOR THE “ONE HOUR FOR PEACE” PRAYER INITIATIVE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE “ST JAKOBUS CHURCH” IN THE HAGUE ON 10 JUNE 2024. CALLING TO MIND THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE, AFFECTED BY THE TRAGEDY OF ARMED CONFLICT, HIS HOLINESS WILLINGLY UNITES HIMSELF WITH THE PRAYERS BEING OFFERED FOR PEACE. CONSCIOUS TOO THAT THIS EVENT OCCURS DURING THE VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS OF THE RELICS OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX, HE ENTRUSTS THIS INITIATIVE TO THE INTERCESSION OF THE “LITTLE FLOWER”, WHOSE SIMPLE YET PROFOUND EXAMPLE ENCOURAGES US TO TRUST IN GOD’S PROVIDENCE AND EMBRACE HIS DIVINE LOVE IN OUR LIVES, THUS SHOWING US THE PATHWAY TO ABIDING PEACE. TO ALL TAKING PART, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, THE HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS HIS BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF SERENITY AND HOPE IN THE LORD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

With my prayerful best wishes for your Episcopal Ministry,

+ Paul Toelg
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His Excellency
Mgr. Johannes van den Hende
Bishop of Rotterdam
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