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December 9th, 2021

Dr. Kevin Ahern
International President of
International Catholic Movement for
Intellectual and Cultural Affairs

Forwarded in advance through e-mail

Dear Dr. Ahern:

In view of the forthcoming plenary assembly of your movement, you requested a message from His Holiness Pope Francis. I am deeply pleased to forward you the following address on behalf of the Holy Father.

“HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SENDS CORDIAL GREETINGS TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT FOR INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON DECEMBER 11-12, 2021.

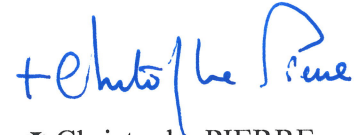
HE TRUSTS THAT IN THESE DAYS CATHOLIC SCHOLARS AND PROFESSIONALS WILL DEEPEN THEIR APPROPRIATION OF THE CHURCH’S INTELLECTUAL TRADITION AND BRING ITS RICH PATRIMONY TO BEAR UPON THE WORLD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURE, IN FIDELITY TO THE MOVEMENT’S FOUNDING MISSION. IT IS HIS HOPE THAT THIS MEETING WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FORMATION OF FUTURE LEADERS IN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE WHO, INSPIRED BY THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF OUR FAITH, WILL COOPERATE IN THE EXTENSION OF CHRIST’S KINGDOM AND IN SHAPING A SOCIETY OF EVER GREATER JUSTICE, PEACE AND FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY.

WITH THESE SENTIMENTS THE HOLY FATHER OFFERS PRAYERFUL GOOD WISHES FOR THE EVENT AND INVOKES UPON ALL TAKING PART GOD’S BLESSINGS OF WISDOM, JOY AND PEACE.”

**CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE**

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes for a successful and grace-filled celebration of the event, I am, with warm regards

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christophe Pierre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning of the first letter.

✠ Christophe PIERRE
Apostolic Nuncio