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Your Eminence,  
Dear Participants in the **New York Encounter** of 2015,

As you gather at the Metropolitan Pavilion on January 16-18, it is my pleasure to convey to all of you the spiritual closeness and prayerful communion of Pope Francis. His Holiness is of one heart with the participants in this year's **New York Encounter**, as you unite "In Search of the Human Face". Our Holy Father once wrote:


**"I dare say that today the primary question we must face is not so much the problem of God—the existence, the knowledge of God—but the problem of the human, of human knowledge and finding in humans themselves the mark that God has made, so as to be able to meet with Him."**

*(A Generative Thought, An Introduction to the Works of Luigi Giussani, edited by Elisa Buzzi, 79-80.)*

As you live these days, seeking what Msgr. Giussani called "the discovery of one's own human face", may you continue to bask in the glow that has come forth from the face of the Christ-child. In this way, His divine radiance will illumine your own identity as children of God.

Assuring you and all of the participants of my own prayerful good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano  
*Apostolic Nuncio*

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