



The Holy See

**MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER,
SIGNED BY THE CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE, TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE
PLENARY ASSEMBLY
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES (CCEE)**

[MINSK (BELARUS), 28 September - 1 October 2017]

To His Eminence

Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco

President of the Council of European Episcopal Conferences

The Holy Father sends his most cordial greetings to the participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Council of European Episcopal Conferences and encourages them to continue the important work aimed at identifying paths of pastoral collaboration between the various countries, appreciating the differences and promoting initiatives of solidarity and fraternity. His Holiness hopes that the meeting may contribute to strengthening the bonds of unity and communion between the European bishops, imparting a further and courageous impetus to the Church's mission in Europe especially on behalf of young people to help them to discover, in the light of faith, their own vocation in the Christian community and in society.

With such sentiments, he asks that you continue to pray for Him and he willingly imparts the Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, 23 September 2017

Cardinal Pietro Parolin,
Secretary of State for His Holiness
