



The Holy See

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO BULGARIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA

[5-7 MAY 2019]

WORDS OF THE HOLY FATHER ***TO JOURNALISTS ON THE FLIGHT TO SOFIA***

Papal flight
Sunday, 5 May 2019

[Multimedia]

Alessandro Gisotti:

Good morning. Welcome, Holy Father, and thank you for coming here for a greeting, even though the flight is short; but we know that it is important to you.

This is the fourth apostolic trip of this year: four continents, Holy Father: America, Asia, Africa, and now in Europe.

A welcome to colleagues, and in particular those of Bulgaria and North Macedonia who are here. It is a trip – you let it be understood also in the video messages – that you feel is inspired and accompanied by Saint John XIII and by Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Before passing over to you, Holy Father, I would also like to say to you that here today we have a colleague, Aura Miguel, who has reached her one hundredth apostolic trip. A hundred! Here she is, from Radio Renascença.

Pope Francis:

It is Portugal!

Alessandro Gisotti:

It is Portugal. Over to you, Holy Father.

Pope Francis:

Good morning, and many thanks for the company, for your work. It will be a short trip, just three days, but the organizers have made it very, very full: let us take advantage of this. Thank you for your work and for your company.

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