



# The Holy See

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APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS  
TO BUDAPEST, ON THE OCCASION OF THE CONCLUDING HOLY MASS  
OF THE 52nd INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS,  
AND TO SLOVAKIA  
[12-15 SEPTEMBER 2021]

**PRIVATE VISIT TO THE “BETHLEHEM CENTER”**

*“Bethlehem Center”(Bratislava)*  
*Monday, 13 September 2021*

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## **Remarks of His Holiness Pope Francis**

Good evening to all of you!

I am happy to visit you and to be with you. Thank you for having me!

I very much thank the Sisters for the work they do in welcoming, assisting and accompanying others. Many thanks! I thank the mothers and fathers, who are here with their children; and I thank all the young ones for their presence. The Lord is also with us; whenever we are together, so happy, the Lord is with us. But he is also with us at times of difficulty. The Lord never abandons us; he is always with us. We can see him and we cannot see him. Yet he always accompanies us along our life's journey. Don't ever forget this, especially when times are hard. Thank you, thank you so much!