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GENERAL AUDIENCE

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I extend a special greeting to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, meeting in Rome during these days. I thank you for the dedication with which you put your knowledge and experience at the service of the Holy See in your important field of investigation. I greet the Deacons from the Archdiocese of Southwark, the ecumenical groups from Great Britain and Sweden, and the pilgrims from Hong Kong and Taiwan. I warmly welcome the many Diocesan and parish pilgrimages from the United States of America and from Ireland. As we reflect on the example of Abraham during this Jubilee Year, let us seek to grow in faith and acceptance of God's saving initiative in our lives. I invoke Almighty God's blessings upon you and your families.

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