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Your Excellency,

In reply to a request for a Papal Message from the Right Reverend John Sherrington, on the occasion of the Day for Life 2022 and at the request of the Secretariat of State, I have the honour to transmit the following message. I am also to inform you that this same message has been sent to the Presidents of the English and Welsh and Irish Episcopal Conferences.

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SENDS CORDIAL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2022 DAY FOR LIFE TO BE CELEBRATED IN SCOTLAND, ENGLAND AND WALES, AND IRELAND UNDER THE THEME "CARING FOR THE OLDER PERSON". HIS HOLINESS PRAYS THAT THE EFFORTS IN THE DEFENCE OF THE GOD-GIVEN VALUE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE, IN ALL ITS STAGES, WILL BE FRUITFUL IN DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE PARTICULAR WORTH OF OUR ELDERLY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FOR THEY "ARE NOT OUTCASTS TO BE SHUNNED BUT LIVING SIGNS OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD WHO BESTOWS LIFE IN ABUNDANCE" (*MESSAGE FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY.*) HE LIKewise TRUSTS THAT A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION THE ELDERLY MAKE TO THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL WELLBEING OF EVERY SOCIETY WILL HELP TO COUNTER THE "THROWAWAY CULTURE" AND FOSTER THE BONDS OF CHARITY AND FRATERNITY BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS. WITH THESE SENTIMENTS AND THE ASSURANCE OF HIS CLOSENESS IN PRAYER, THE HOLY FATHER SENDS HIS BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF JOY AND PEACE IN JESUS WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I avail of this opportunity to assure you of my prayerful best wishes and warm personal regards, whilst remaining,

Yours devotedly  
P. Parolin  
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His Excellency  
Rt Rev. Hugh Gilbert OSB  
President of the Bishops' Conference  
of Scotland  
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