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Your Excellency:

I have the honor to forward to Your Excellency the enclosed Message from Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of the Holy Father for the "Walk for Life West Coast" event to take place on January 23, 2016:

*His Holiness Pope Francis sends warm greetings and the assurance of his closeness in prayer to all taking part in the annual Walk for Life West Coast. As His Holiness stated in his address to the Congress and people of the United States last September, "the Golden Rule reminds all of us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development." He encourages people of good will to join in resisting the culture of indifference and waste, and in working to build a just and welcoming society where every member of the human family, no matter how small and vulnerable, can find a place at the banquet of life. To those assembled for the March, and to the many others who support them with their prayers and sacrifices, His Holiness affectionately imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.*

Cardinal Pietro Parolin  
Secretary of State.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò  
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