



The Holy See

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO CUBA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS
on the occasion of his participation at the Eighth World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia

(19-28 SEPTEMBER 2015)



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Saturday, 19 September 2015

Departure from Rome's Fiumicino airport for Havana

10:15 [Greeting to journalists during the flight Rome-Havana](#)

[[English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#)]

- 16:00 Arrival at “José Martí” International Airport of Havana
Welcoming ceremony at the International Airport of Havana
 16:05 [\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

Sunday, 20 September 2015

- 09:00 **Holy Mass** at Plaza de la Revolución in Havana
[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
Angelus
[\[Croatian, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
 16:00 **Courtesy Visit to the President of the Council of State and of the Council of Ministers of the Republic** at Palacio de la Revolución in Havana
Celebrations of Vespers with Priests, Men and Women Religious and Seminarians at
 17:15 the Cathedral of Havana
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
 18:30 **Greeting to the young people of the "Centro Cultural Padre Félix Varela"** in Havana
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

Monday, 21 September 2015

- 08:00 Departure by plane from Havana for Holguín
 09:20 Arrival at “Frank Pais” International Airport of Holguín
 10:30 **Holy Mass** at Plaza de la Revolución in Holguín
[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
Blessing of the city from Loma de la Cruz in Holguín
 15:45 [\[Spanish\]](#)
 16:40 Departure by plane for Santiago
 17:30 Arrival at “Antonio Maceo” International Airport of Santiago
 19:00 **Meeting with the Bishops** at St Basil The Great Seminary in Santiago
Prayer to the Virgen de la Caridad with the Bishops and the Papal Entourage at the
 19:45 Minor Basilica of the Shrine “Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre” in Santiago
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

Tuesday, 22 September 2015

- Holy Mass** at the Minor Basilica of the Shrine “Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre” in
 08:00 Santiago
[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
 11:00 **Meeting with families** at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in Santiago
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
Blessing of the city from the square in front of the Cathedral of Santiago
 12:15 **Farewell ceremony** at the Airport
 Departure by plane from the Airport of Santiago for Washington, D.C.
 12:30 **In-Flight Press Conference** from Santiago de Cuba to Washington D.C.
[\[English, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
 16:00 Arrival at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.
Official welcoming ceremony at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, 23 September 2015

- 9:15 **Welcoming ceremony** at the South Lawn of the White House
[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Courtesy Visit to the President of the United States of America
Meeting with the Bishops of the United States of America at St Matthew's Cathedral
 11:30 in Washington, D.C.
[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Holy Mass and Canonization of Blessed Fr. Junipero Serra at the National Shrine of
 16:15 the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.
[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Thursday, 24 September 2015

- 9:20 **Visit to the Congress of the United States of America**
[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Visit to the Charitable Center of St. Patrick Parish and meeting with the homeless in
 11:15 Washington, D.C.
[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
 16:00 Departure by plane for New York
 17:00 Arrival at JFK Airport in New York
Vespers with the Clergy, Men and Women Religious at St Patrick's Cathedral in New
 18:45 York
[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Friday, 25 September 2015

- Visit to the Headquarters of the United Nations***
Greeting to the personnel of the United Nations
 08:30 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Meeting with the members of the General Assembly of the United Nations
Organization
[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Interreligious encounter at the Ground Zero memorial in New York
[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
 11:30 **Prayer of the Holy Father during the Interreligious Meeting at the Ground Zero**
Memorial
[English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish]

Visit to "Our Lady, Queen of the Angels" School and meeting with children and
 16:00 **families of migrants** in New York (Harlem)
[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
 18:00 **Holy Mass** at the Madison Square Garden in New York
[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Saturday, 26 September 2015

- 08:40 Departure by plane for Philadelphia
- 09:30 Arrival at the International Airport of Philadelphia
Holy Mass with the Bishops, Clergy, Men and Women Religious of Pennsylvania
- 10:30 gathered at the Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul in Philadelphia
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Meeting for Religious Liberty with the Hispanic community and other immigrants at
- 16:45 the Independence Mall in Philadelphia
 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Festival of families and vigil of prayer at the B. Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia
- 19:30 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Sunday, 27 September 2015

- Meeting with victims of sexual abuse at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia
 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Meeting with bishops taking part in the World Meeting of Families gathered at St.
- 09:15 Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia
 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Visit to detainees at Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility in Philadelphia
- 11:00 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Holy Mass concluding the World Meeting of Families at B. Franklin Parkway in
- 16:00 Philadelphia
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
Greeting to the organizing committee, volunteers and benefactors at the International
- 19:00 Airport of Philadelphia
 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]
- 19:45 **Farewell ceremony**
 Departure by plane from Philadelphia for Rome/Ciampino
- 20:00 In-Flight Press Conference from Philadelphia to Rome
 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Monday, 28 September 2015

- 10:00 Arrival at Ciampino Airport in Rome

Time lag:

Rome: +2h UTC

La Habana / Holguín / Santiago: -4h UTC

Washington / New York / Philadelphia: -4h UTC
