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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia (5 to 7 May 2019)

Sunday 5 May 2019

ROME-SOFIA

07:00 Departure by air from Rome-Fiumicino International
 Airport for Sofia

10:00 Arrival at Sofia International Airport

OFFICIAL WELCOME

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER in the
Governmental Lounge of the Airport

WELCOME CEREMONY in the square adjacent to the
Presidential Palace

**COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC** in the Presidential Palace

**MEETING with the AUTHORITIES, with CIVIL
SOCIETY and the DIPLOMATIC CORPS** in Atanas
Burov Square

*Address of the Holy
Father*

**VISIT TO THE PATRIARCH AND TO THE HOLY
SYNOD** in the Palace of the Holy Synod

*Address of the Holy
Father*

**PRIVATE PRAYER BEFORE THE THRONE OF
SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS** in the Patriarchal
Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky

REGINA COELI in Saint Alexander Nevsky Square

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Monday 6 May 2019

SOFIA-RAKOVSKY-SOFIA

VISIT TO A REFUGEE CAMP

09:30

Departure by air for Rakovsky

HOLY MASS WITH FIRST COMMUNIONS in the

Homily of the Holy Father

Church of the Sacred Heart of Rakovsky

Lunch with the bishops of Bulgaria in the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters

MEETING WITH THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY in the

Address of the Holy

Church of Saint Michael Archangel in Rakovsky

Father

17:15

Departure by air for Sofia

PRAYER FOR PEACE PRESIDED AT BY THE HOLY FATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS RELIGIOUS CONFESSIONS IN BULGARIA

Prayer of the Holy Father

in Nezavisimost Square in Sofia

Tuesday 7 May 2019

SOFIA-SKOPJE-ROME

FAREWELL CEREMONY in Sofia International Airport

08:20

Departure by air from Sofia Airport for Skopje

08:15

Arrival at Skopje International Airport

OFFICIAL WELCOME

WELCOME CEREMONY in the courtyard of the Presidential Palace

COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT in the Presidential Palace

MEETING with the PRIME MINISTER in the Presidential Palace

MEETING with the AUTHORITIES, with CIVIL SOCIETY and with the DIPLOMATIC CORPS in the Mosaique Hall of the Presidential Palace

Address of the Holy Father

VISIT TO THE MOTHER TERESA MEMORIAL WITH THE PRESENCE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND MEETING WITH THE POOR

Prayer of the Holy Father

HOLY MASS in Macedonia Square

*Homily of the Holy Father*³

Lunch with the Papal Entourage

ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS MEETING *Address of the Holy Father*

WITH YOUNG PEOPLE in the Pastoral Centre

MEETING WITH PRIESTS, THEIR FAMILIES, *Address of the Holy Father*

AND RELIGIOUS in the Cathedral

FAREWELL CEREMONY at Skopje International

Airport

18:30 Departure of Papal aircraft for Rome-Ciampino

20:30 Arrival at Roma-Ciampino International Airport
