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## **Video Message of the Holy Father Francis for the upcoming Apostolic Trip in Mauritius (9 September 2019)**

The following is the video message of greetings and thanks sent by the Holy Father Francis to the people of Mauritius for his upcoming Apostolic Trip, to take place on 9 September 2019:

### **Video Message of the Holy Father**

Dear brothers and sisters of Mauritius!

The apostolic journey that will take me also to your beautiful Island is now drawing near. Already from here, from Rome, I greet you with great affection, and I say a big “thank you” because I know that you have been preparing yourselves for this meeting for some time.

It will be a joy for me to proclaim the Gospel in the midst of your people, who are distinguished by having been formed by the encounter of different ethnic groups, and who therefore enjoy the richness of various cultural and religious traditions. From the beginning the Catholic Church has been sent to all peoples, and speaks all the languages of the world. But the language of the Gospel – as you know – is love. May the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, grant me to proclaim the Gospel to you with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that you may all understand and accept it.

I ask you please to increase your prayer in these days, while already I carry you in my heart and pray for you. Thank you, and see you soon!