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Pubblichiamo di seguito il Messaggio che il Cardinale Segretario di Stato Pietro Parolin ha inviato, a nome del Santo Padre, all'Arcivescovo di Lingayen-Dagupan, Presidente della Conferenza Episcopale delle Filippine, S.E. Mons. Socrates B. Villegas, in occasione dell'*Asian Conference on the Family* che ha luogo dal 13 al 16 maggio a Manila sul tema *Families of Asia: Lights of Hope*:

**Messaggio**

*The Most Reverend Socrates B. Villegas Archbishop of Lingayen Dagupan President Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines The Holy Father was pleased to be informed of the "Asian Conference on the Family" to be held from 13 to 16 May 2014 with the theme "Families of Asia: Lights of Hope". Recalling that the "family is the fundamental cell of society where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another" (Evangelii Gaudium, 66), His Holiness calls upon all the lay faithful gathered to deepen their experience of faith and communion, under the guidance of the Successor of Peter and the Bishops, so as to be a leaven of Christ's love in the midst of humanity. Commending all present and their families to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Joseph, the Holy Father willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in our Lord Jesus. Cardinal Pietro Parolin Secretary of State*

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