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Dear Sir,

Further to your request for a message from the Holy Father to mark the celebrations for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the international movement *Faith and Light*.

I am pleased to pass on to you the attached message from the Cardinal Secretary of State.

Yours faithfully.

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“On the occasion of the celebrations to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the international Movement *Faith and Light*, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI sends his warmest wishes to the Coordinators Council and to all the members of the Movement, assuring them of his prayer that God makes the work, which began with the Easter 1971 pilgrimage to Lourdes, flourish. Since then, many *Faith and Light* communities have grown throughout the world. May they repeat to the heart of each disabled person the words of Pope Paul VI: “*You are loved by God just as you are*” and help them to then continue their pilgrimage in life with peace and joy within, surrounded by brothers and sisters who are happy to share with them the love that God brings in this blessed way to the smallest and weakest! May the celebration of this anniversary be a joyful message of hope for disabled people, for their families and their friends! His Holiness wholeheartedly sends all members of the international Movement *Faith and Light* an affectionate Apostolic Blessing.”

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone  
Secretary of State to His Holiness

(Translation Faith and Light International)