



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters of many different faiths,

We are still alive with the images, harmony and reflections of the 7th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions that took place in the past few days in Nur-Sultan in **Kazakhstan**. There were as many as 108 delegations from 50 countries, including spiritual leaders of world and traditional religions such as Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, and Shinto. Political figures, representatives of international organizations and experts were also present.

How can we not see in that event an indelible footprint of what happened in Assisi on October 27, 1986, and of which with great humility we want to be an echo in the world? At the center of the discussions was the theme of **peace** in all its expressions. The final declaration begins by highlighting the shared desire for "a just, peaceful, secure and prosperous world" and pledges all religions represented at the Congress to make every effort to that end. It further reads: "We believe that extremism, radicalism, terrorism and all other forms of violence and wars, whatever their motivations and goals, have nothing to do with authentic religion and must be rejected in the strongest possible terms".

Therefore, on September 27, we invite everyone to turn to the one God to support this commitment of the representatives of different faiths and to ensure that this will take root more and more in every community.

May the Lord give you peace

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