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Dear Archbishop Longley,

At the request of the Secretariat of State, I am pleased to forward to you a Message, signed by H. E. Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary of State, addressed to you on the occasion of the Eighth International Congress of the International Coordination of Young Christian Workers, due to take place from 25th August until 5th September 2012, in your Diocese.

**“The Most Reverend Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham**

The Holy Father was pleased to be informed of the Eighth International Congress of the International Coordination of Young Christian Workers, due to take place from 25 August to 5 September in Alton. He greets the participants and assures them of his spiritual closeness and paternal affection.

The theme for this year’s gathering, **Class of 2012: Building a School for Life**, encourages reflection on the promotion of the dignity of the human person through the evangelisation of work. As the Church prepares to celebrate the Year of Faith, His Holiness prays that young people, with their enthusiasm and idealism, can offer new hope to the world through an authentic understanding of the value of each individual person and the desire to spend one’s life in contributing to a society with a more human and fraternal face.

Invoking the heavenly intercession of Mary, Mother of God, and of Saint Joseph the Worker, upon the organisers and participants at the Congress, the Holy Father willingly imparts his Apostolic blessing as a pledge of grace and peace in the Lord.

**Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone
Secretary of State”**

With my prayerful good wishes and warm personal regards, I remain

Yours sincerely in the Lord

+ Antonio Mennini, A.N.

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