



NUNTIATURA APOSTOLICA IN HUNGARIA

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Your Excellency,

I have the honor to forward the following message of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, signed by the Secretary of State, His Eminence, Pietro Parolin, in occasion of the Budapest Water Summit 2019:

*His Excellency János Áder
President of the Republic of Hungary*

His Holiness Pope Francis sends prayerful best wishes to your Excellency and to the distinguished government representatives and delegates of international organizations attending the Budapest Water Summit taking place from 15 to 17 October 2019. As the Summit explores the theme of "Preventing Water Crisis", His Holiness trusts that the basic human right to safe and clean water will guide its deliberations, for indeed "our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity" (Laudato Si' 30). Conscious of the pressing needs of so many of our brothers and sisters, His Holiness likewise hopes that the most marginalized members of the human family will be the first to benefit from improvements in sustainable supplies of the most cherished gift of water. With these sentiments, the Holy Father cordially invokes upon all assembled in Budapest God's abundant blessings.

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State*

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and distinguished consideration.

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