



# The Holy See

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**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO CUBA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS  
on the occasion of his participation at the Eighth World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia**

(19-28 SEPTEMBER 2015)



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***Saturday, 19 September 2015***

- 10:15 Departure from Rome's Fiumicino airport for Havana  
 16:00 Arrival at "José Martí" International Airport of Havana  
 16:05 **Welcoming ceremony** at the International Airport of Havana  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

***Sunday, 20 September 2015***

- 09:00 **Holy Mass** at Plaza de la Revolución in Havana  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]  
**Angelus**  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]  
 16:00 **Courtesy Visit to the President of the Council of State and of the Council of Ministers of the Republic** at Palacio de la Revolución in Havana  
**Celebrations of Vespers with Priests, Men and Women Religious and Seminarians** at the Cathedral of Havana  
 17:15  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]  
 18:30 **Greeting to the young people of the "Centro Cultural Padre Félix Varela"** in Havana  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

***Monday, 21 September 2015***

- 08:00 Departure by plane from Havana for Holguín  
 09:20 Arrival at "Frank Pais" International Airport of Holguín  
 10:30 **Holy Mass** at Plaza de la Revolución in Holguín  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]  
 15:45 **Blessing of the city from Loma de la Cruz** in Holguín  
 16:40 Departure by plane for Santiago  
 17:30 Arrival at "Antonio Maceo" International Airport of Santiago  
 19:00 **Meeting with the Bishops** at St Basil The Great Seminary in Santiago  
**Prayer to the Virgen de la Caridad with the Bishops and the Papal Entourage** at the  
 19:45 Minor Basilica of the Shrine "Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre" in Santiago

***Tuesday, 22 September 2015***

- Holy Mass** at the Minor Basilica of the Shrine "Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre" in  
 08:00 Santiago  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]  
 11:00 **Meeting with families** at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in Santiago  
 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]  
**Blessing of the city from the square in front of the Cathedral** of Santiago  
 12:15 **Farewell ceremony** at the Airport  
 12:30 Departure by plane from the Airport of Santiago for Washington, D.C.  
 16:00 Arrival at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.  
**Official welcoming ceremony** at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

***Wednesday, 23 September 2015***

- 9:15 **Welcoming ceremony** at the South Lawn of the White House

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

**Courtesy Visit to the President of the United States of America**

11:30 **Meeting with the Bishops of the United States of America at St Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C.**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:15 **Holy Mass and Canonization of Blessed Fr. Junipero Serra at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

***Thursday, 24 September 2015***

**Visit to the Congress of the United States of America**

9:20 [Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

11:15 **Visit to the Charitable Center of St. Patrick Parish and meeting with the homeless in Washington, D.C.**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:00 Departure by plane for New York

17:00 Arrival at JFK Airport in New York

18:45 **Vespers with the Clergy, Men and Women Religious at St Patrick's Cathedral in New York**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

***Friday, 25 September 2015***

08:30 **Visit to the Headquarters of the United Nations**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

11:30 **Interreligious encounter at the Ground Zero memorial in New York**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:00 **Visit to "Our Lady, Queen of the Angels" School and meeting with children and families of migrants in New York (Harlem)**

18:00 **Holy Mass at the Madison Square Garden in New York**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

***Saturday, 26 September 2015***

08:40 Departure by plane for Philadelphia

09:30 Arrival at the International Airport of Philadelphia

10:30 **Holy Mass with the Bishops, Clergy, Men and Women Religious of Pennsylvania gathered at the Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul in Philadelphia**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:45 **Meeting for Religious Freedom with the Hispanic community and other immigrants at**

the Independence Mall in Philadelphia

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

19:30 **Festival of families** and vigil of prayer at the B. Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

***Sunday, 27 September 2015***

09:15 **Meeting with bishops taking part in the World Meeting of Families** gathered at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

11:00 **Visit to detainees at Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility** in Philadelphia

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:00 **Holy Mass concluding the World Meeting of Families** at B. Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

19:00 **Greeting to the organizing committee, volunteers and benefactors** at the International Airport of Philadelphia

19:45 **Farewell ceremony**

20:00 Departure by plane from Philadelphia for Rome/Ciampino

***Monday, 28 September 2015***

10:00 Arrival at Ciampino Airport in Rome

Time lag:

Rome: +2h UTC

La Habana / Holguín / Santiago: -4h UTC

Washington / New York / Philadelphia: -4h UTC