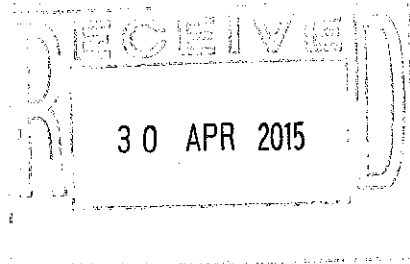




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Dear Cardinal Nichols,

At the request of the Secretariat of State I have the honour to transmit to you this Message for the forthcoming National Evangelisation Conference "Proclaim 15".

*His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster
President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

The Holy Father was pleased to be informed of the National Evangelisation Conference "Proclaim 15" to be held in Birmingham on 11th July 2015. He assures all of those present of his spiritual closeness and prayers as they reflect on the call to be missionary disciples. Your assembly is an important occasion, not only to reflect on programmes of evangelization, but to rekindle within all the faithful the love and joy which flows from personally encountering the Lord Jesus. His Holiness encourages all gathered to open anew their hearts to Christ, so that they in turn may revitalize their parishes, forming each to be "a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach" (Evangelii Gaudium 28). Commending all gathered to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, Pope Francis willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and strength in the Lord.

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State*

I avail of this opportunity to assure you of my very best wishes and warm personal regards, while remaining,

Yours sincerely

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