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Pubblichiamo di seguito il Messaggio che il Santo Padre Francesco ha inviato all'Arcivescovo di Westminster, Card. Vincent Nichols, in occasione della *Second International Conference of the Santa Marta Group "Police and Church partner to combat human trafficking"* (Londra, 5-6 dicembre 2014):

### Messaggio del Santo Padre

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Archbishop of Westminster

President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

I extend greetings to you and all the delegates gathered for the conference to discuss continued efforts in the fight against human trafficking. I am deeply grateful to all present for your resolve in combatting this evil and for your commitment to carry on the work begun at the conference held in the Vatican in April of this year. Your labours to promote ongoing dialogue on the legal remedies to human trafficking and on the essential care of those who suffer this enslavement are especially important because of the hidden nature of this crime. We must never forget, nor may we ignore, the suffering of so many men, women and children whose human dignity is violated through this exploitation. I thank the Home Secretary of the British Government, the Metropolitan Commissioner of Police, and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for organizing this event and the delegates who demonstrate anew their commitment by their participation in this initiative. In assuring you that the Church remains steadfast in her pledge to combat human trafficking and to care for victims of this scourge, I offer the promise of my prayers that Almighty God may bless and guide your efforts.

Franciscus PP.

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