



# The Holy See

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APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

TO BULGARIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA

[5-7 MAY 2019]

**WORDS OF THE HOLY FATHER  
TO JOURNALISTS ON THE FLIGHT TO SOFIA**

*Papal flight*

*Sunday, 5 May 2019*

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**[Multimedia]**

**Alessandro Gisotti:**

Good morning. Welcome, Holy Father, and thank you for coming here for a greeting, even though the flight is short; but we know that it is important to you.

This is the fourth apostolic trip of this year: four continents, Holy Father: America, Asia, Africa, and now in Europe.

A welcome to colleagues, and in particular those of Bulgaria and North Macedonia who are here. It is a trip – you let it be understood also in the video messages – that you feel is inspired and accompanied by Saint John XIII and by Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Before passing over to you, Holy Father, I would also like to say to you that here today we have a colleague, Aura Miguel, who has reached her one hundredth apostolic trip. A hundred! Here she is, from Radio Renascença.

**Pope Francis:**

It is Portugal!

**Alessandro Gisotti:**

It is Portugal. Over to you, Holy Father.

**Pope Francis:**

Good morning, and many thanks for the company, for your work. It will be a short trip, just three days, but the organizers have made it very, very full: let us take advantage of this. Thank you for your work and for your company.

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