



The Holy See

VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO LESVOS (GREECE)

(16 APRIL 2016)

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Saturday, 16 April 2016

Departure from Rome's Fiumicino airport for Mytilene

07:00 **Words of the Holy Father on the flight to Lesvos**

[[English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#)]

10:20 Arrival at the international airport of Mytilene

Welcoming ceremony

The Holy Father will be welcomed by the Prime Minister; later by His Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, and by His Beatitude Ieronymos, Archbishop of Athens and of All Greece, and, soon after by H.E. Msgr. Fragkiskos Papamanolis, OFM Cap, President of the Greek Episcopal Conference.

10:35 **Private meeting with the Prime Minister** (in the airport).

10:55 Transfer by bus together with His Holiness Bartholomew and His Beatitude

Ieronymos to the *Mòria refugee camp* .

11:15 Arrival at the *Mòria refugee camp*.

Visit to refugees

Address of Archbishop Ieronymos; of Patriarch Bartholomew and of Pope Francis

12:25 from the podium in the courtyard of the refugee registration

[[Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Greek](#), [Italian](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#)]

12:40 **Signing of the joint declaration**

[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

- 12:45 **Luncheon of the three religious leaders with some refugees** gathered in the container at the back of the podium
- 13:30 Transfer by minibus to the harbour
- 1345 Arrival at the Presidium of the Coast Guard
- Meeting with the citizens and with the Catholic community. A remembering of the victims of migration**

Address of the Holy Father

[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

At the end, the three religious leaders will each recite a short **prayer** for the victims of migration. Calling for a minute of silence, the three leaders will receive laurel wreaths from children, which will be launched into the sea.

- 14:15 Transfer by minibus to the airport.
At the airport:
- 14:30 Private meeting with the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece
Private meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch
Private meeting with the Prime Minister
- 15:00 **Farewell ceremony**
Departure from the international airport of Mytilene for Roma.
- 15:15 **In-Flight Press Conference from Lesbos to Rome**
- [\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
- 16:30 Arrival at Ciampino Airport in Rome.

Time zones

Rome: +2h UTC

Mytilene: +3h UTC

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