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Press Conference for the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation “Gaudete et Exsultate”, on the call to holiness in today’s world

At 12.15 today, in the Holy See Press Office, Via della Conciliazione 54, a press conference will be held to present the Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father Francis, “*Gaudete et Exsultate*”, on the call to holiness in today’s world (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html).

The speakers were H.E. Msgr. Angelo De Donatis, vicar general of His Holiness for the diocese of Rome; Gianni Valente, journalist; and Paola Bignardi of Catholic Action.

At the end of the press conference, four people of different nationalities and cultures – who have previously read the Apostolic Exhortation – will be available to journalists to express and share their impressions.

- **Adam Hincks, S.J.**, deacon from Canada, astrophysicist;
- **Veronica Polacco**, Italian director, former actor, recently converted to Catholicism;
- **Mohammad Jawad Haidari**, Afghan refugee, Muslim. He has completed a Master’s degree on “Religion and Cultural Mediation” at *La Sapienza* University of Rome;
- **Sister Josepha**, French, religious sister of the Monastic Fraternities of Jerusalem.

As usual, all the Press Conferences held in the *John Paul II Hall* of the Holy See Press Office can be viewed in live audio-video streaming via the Live – YouTube Channel of *Vatican Media*, and on the App *Vatican News*. The Conference will subsequently remain available for viewing on demand on the site <https://www.youtube.com/vaticannews>