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**Ecumenical Pilgrimage of the Holy Father Francis to Geneva for the 70th anniversary of the founding of the World Council of Churches (21 June 2018) – Departure from Rome and Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic**

**Departure from Rome**

**Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic**

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This morning the Holy Father Francis left the Vatican and transferred by car to Rome-Fiumicino International Airport, from where he departed at 8.35, on board an Alitalia A321, for Geneva, Switzerland, to undertake an ecumenical pilgrimage for the 70th anniversary of the founding of the World Council of Churches.

He is expected to arrive in Geneva International Airport at 10.00.

**Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic**

At the time of leaving Italian territory, the Holy Father sent the following telegram to the President of the Italian Republic, Hon. Sergio Mattarella:

HIS EXCELLENCY  
HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA  
PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE 00187 ROME

AS I COMMENCE MY ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO GENEVA, TO MEET WITH THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND IN PARTICULAR TO ADVANCE THE DIALOGUE WITH OTHER CHURCHES, I ADDRESS TO YOU MY RESPECTFUL GOOD WISHES FOR THE SPIRITUAL, CIVIL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE, TO WHOM I GLADLY SEND MY BLESSING.

FRANCISCUS PP.

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