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Holy See Press Office Communiqué: Audience with the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Today, 25 June, the Holy Father Francis received in audience in the Apostolic Palace the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General Sir Peter Cosgrove, who subsequently met with His Eminence Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, accompanied by His Excellency Msgr. Paul R. Gallagher, secretary for Relations with States.

During the cordial discussion, the themes of migration, at both global and regional levels, and climate change, were considered. Mention was also made of the role of the Church in Australian society, and the current discussion on the protection of minors and vulnerable people, reiterating the commitment of all members of the Church in this regard.

Attention then turned to the social situation of the country, and to the question of peace and stability in the entire region of the Pacific and of Asia.