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**Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin (25-26 August 2018) – Departure from Rome and Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic, and Telegrams to Heads of State**

**Departure from Rome**

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

## **Departure from Rome**

This morning Pope Francis began his 24th international Apostolic Trip, this time to Ireland.

The aircraft (an Alitalia A320) carrying the Holy Father departed from Rome-Fiumicino International Airport at 8.30, and is expected to land at Dublin International Airport at 10.30 local time (11.30 Rome time).

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

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA  
PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC  
PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE  
00187 ROME

I WISH TO ADDRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, A RESPECTFUL GREETING AT THE MOMENT IN WHICH I LEAVE ROME FOR IRELAND, ON THE OCCASION OF THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES AND, AS I INVOKE UPON THE ITALIAN NATION ABUNDANT GIFTS OF FORESIGHT AND WISDOM TO CONTINUE TO APPRECIATE AND SAFEGUARD THE VALUE OF MARRIAGE AND OF THE FAMILY, I OFFER TO YOU AND TO YOUR COLLABORATORS MY BEST WISHES FOR A FRUITFUL COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE, TO WHOM I IMPART MY BLESSING.

FRANCISCUS PP.

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