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## Declaration of the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni

His Holiness Pope Francis spent a quiet day, eating and moving unassisted.

In the afternoon, he wished to express his paternal closeness to the young patients in the nearby paediatric oncology and children's neurosurgery wards, sending them his affectionate greetings.

In the evening he temporarily ran a temperature.

This morning he underwent routine and microbiological examinations, and a chest and abdomen scan, which proved negative.

The Holy Father is continuing with his planned treatment and eating by mouth.

At this particular moment, he looks toward all those who suffer, expressing his closeness to the sick, especially those most in need of care.