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Vatican City, January 12th, 2015

Prot. N. 8001/2015/N

Re: Pilgrimage of Gypsies to Rome and Special Audience with the Holy Father

Your Excellency,
Reverend and Dear National Director,

With reference to my previous letter of December 9th, 2014 (Prot. N. 7979/2014/N), I wish to inform you that the preparations for the Pilgrimage of Gypsies to Rome, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the historic visit of Blessed Paul VI to Pomezia, have already begun.

To better organize the event, it was opportune to create an Organizational Committee, composed of the following members: Msgr. Gian Carlo Perego, Director of the *Migrantes Foundation* of the Bishops' Conference of Italy; Msgr. Pierpaolo Felicolo, Director of the Office for the Pastoral Care of Migrations of the Vicariate of Rome; Dr. Marco Impagliazzo, President of the *Community of Sant'Egidio*; and Dr. Paolo Ciani, Responsible for the Roma and Sinti People within the structures of the *Community of Sant'Egidio*.

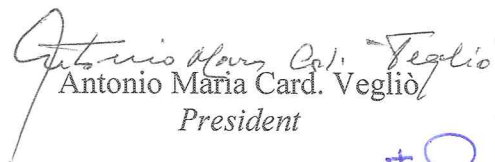
The above-mentioned committee would be in charge of organizing the accommodations of the groups that will arrive in Rome by air, train or bus, as well as in charge of the Gypsy families who will arrive with their caravans. In order to facilitate the booking and organization of the necessary accommodations, the committee needs to know the approximate number of persons who will take part in the pilgrimage, and the probable dates of arrival and departure of each group.


Therefore, I would request you to fill out and send back to this Pontifical Council the attached registration form, **no later than February 10th, 2015**.

In addition, please find attached a copy of the tentative program of the Event. Any suggestions or observations will be gladly welcomed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the matter, I take this opportunity to express my sincere best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Antonio Maria Card. Vegliò
President


✠ Joseph Kalathiparambil
Secretary

(with 2 enclosures)

**To the Bishop Promoters
To the National Directors
for the Pastoral Care of Gypsies**