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Dear Archbishop Wenski,

I was pleased to learn that the North American Region Meeting of the **World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO)** will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the Archdiocese of Miami, this coming September 29 – 30. May I ask that you convey to Maribeth Stewart, US Representative to the **WUCWO** Board and North America Representative to the Executive Committee, and to each person present for this important gathering my warm greetings and personal best wishes.

As the personal and official representative of His Holiness Pope Francis in the United States of America, I can assure the membership that **WUCWO's** initiatives and efforts, for more than 100 years now, to promote the effective witness of Catholic women throughout the world are truly close to his heart. Indeed, it is the Holy Father's fervent prayer that the light of their faith never be dimmed. **"There is an urgent need...to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence."** (Lumen Fidei, no 4, June 29, 2013)

In the name of Pope Francis, it is my special privilege to impart to all taking part in this Meeting as well as to their families the Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of abiding joy and peace in the Lord.

With cordial regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Carlo Maria Viganò*

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