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PASTORAL VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO PIETRELCINA, DIOCESE OF BENEVENTO,  
ON THE CENTENARY OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE STIGMATA OF SAINT PIO OF  
PIETRELCINA,  
AND TO SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO,  
DIOCESE OF MANFREDONIA-VIESTE-SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO,  
ON THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT'S DEATH

17 MARCH 2018

Live video transmission



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***Saturday, 17 March 2018***

- 7.00 Departure by helicopter from the Vatican heliport  
Arrival at the parking lot "Piana Romana" of Pietrelcina  
The Holy Father will be met by:
- 8.00 - Mons. Felice Accrocca, Archbishop of Benevento  
- Domenico Masone, Mayor of Pietrelcina  
Silent Prayer in the Chapel of the Stigmata

- On the Church Square: **encounter with the faithful**

Welcoming Address by the Archbishop of Benevento

- The Holy Father will greet the Capuchin community and a group of faithful

9.00 Departure from "Piana Romana"

Arrival at the sports field of San Giovanni Rotondo

The Holy Father will be met by:

9.30 - Mons. Michele Castoro, Archbishop of Manfredonia-Vieste-San Giovanni Rotondo

- Costanzo Cascavilla, Mayor of San Giovanni Rotondo

10.00 Visit to the pediatric cancer ward

Square of the Church "San Pio da Pietrelcina":

**Eucharistic Concelebration**

11.00

At the end of the Mass: Address of Mons. Michele Castoro

The Holy Father will meet the Capuchin community and a group of faithful

12.45 Departure from the sports field of San Giovanni Rotondo

13.45 Arrival at the Vatican heliport

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