



# The Holy See

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APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO RIO DE JANEIRO  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE XXVIII WORLD YOUTH DAY

**CEREMONY OF BLESSING THE OLYMPIC FLAGS**

***WORDS OF HOLY FATHER FRANCIS***

*Town Hall of Rio de Janeiro*  
*Thursday, 25 July 2013*

We have just blessed the flags and the religious images. Good morning to everyone! Many thanks for being here at this time, and now, with all my heart, I give my Blessing to all of you, to your families, to your friends, to the district, to everyone.

*(Blessing)*

And pray for me!