



The Holy See

**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO CUBA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS
on the occasion of his participation at the Eighth World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia**

(19-28 SEPTEMBER 2015)



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Saturday, 19 September 2015

- Departure from Rome's Fiumicino airport for Havana
- 10:15 **Greeting to journalists during the flight Rome-Havana**
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
- 16:00 Arrival at "José Martí" International Airport of Havana
- 16:05 **Welcoming ceremony** at the International Airport of Havana
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

Sunday, 20 September 2015

- 09:00 **Holy Mass** at Plaza de la Revolución in Havana
[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
Angelus
[\[Croatian, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
- 16:00 **Courtesy Visit to the President of the Council of State and of the Council of Ministers of the Republic** at Palacio de la Revolución in Havana
Celebrations of Vespers with Priests, Men and Women Religious and Seminarians at the Cathedral of Havana
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
- 17:15 **Greeting to the young people of the "Centro Cultural Padre Félix Varela"** in Havana
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

Monday, 21 September 2015

- 08:00 Departure by plane from Havana for Holguín
- 09:20 Arrival at "Frank Pais" International Airport of Holguín
- 10:30 **Holy Mass** at Plaza de la Revolución in Holguín
[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
- 15:45 **Blessing of the city from Loma de la Cruz in Holguín**
[\[Spanish\]](#)
- 16:40 Departure by plane for Santiago
- 17:30 Arrival at "Antonio Maceo" International Airport of Santiago
- 19:00 **Meeting with the Bishops** at St Basil The Great Seminary in Santiago
Prayer to the Virgen de la Caridad with the Bishops and the Papal Entourage at the Minor Basilica of the Shrine "Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre" in Santiago
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)

Tuesday, 22 September 2015

- 08:00 **Holy Mass** at the Minor Basilica of the Shrine "Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre" in Santiago
[\[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
- 11:00 **Meeting with families** at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in Santiago
[\[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish\]](#)
- 12:15 **Blessing of the city from the square in front of the Cathedral of Santiago**
Farewell ceremony at the Airport

Departure by plane from the Airport of Santiago for Washington, D.C.

12:30 **In-Flight Press Conference** from Santiago de Cuba to Washington D.C.

[English, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:00 Arrival at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

Official welcoming ceremony at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, 23 September 2015

9:15 **Welcoming ceremony** at the South Lawn of the White House

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Courtesy Visit to the President of the United States of America

Meeting with the Bishops of the United States of America at St Matthew's Cathedral

11:30 in Washington, D.C.

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Holy Mass and Canonization of Blessed Fr. Junipero Serra at the National Shrine of

16:15 the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Thursday, 24 September 2015

9:20 **Visit to the Congress of the United States of America**

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Visit to the Charitable Center of St. Patrick Parish and meeting with the homeless in

11:15 Washington, D.C.

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:00 Departure by plane for New York

17:00 Arrival at JFK Airport in New York

Vespers with the Clergy, Men and Women Religious at St Patrick's Cathedral in New

18:45 York

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Friday, 25 September 2015

Visit to the Headquarters of the United Nations

Greeting to the personnel of the United Nations

08:30 [English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Meeting with the members of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Interreligious encounter at the Ground Zero memorial in New York

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

11:30 **Prayer of the Holy Father during the Interreligious Meeting at the Ground Zero Memorial**

[English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish]

16:00 **Visit to "Our Lady, Queen of the Angels" School and meeting with children and**

families of migrants in New York (Harlem)

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

18:00 **Holy Mass** at the Madison Square Garden in New York

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Saturday, 26 September 2015

08:40 Departure by plane for Philadelphia

09:30 Arrival at the International Airport of Philadelphia

Holy Mass with the Bishops, Clergy, Men and Women Religious of Pennsylvania

10:30 gathered at the Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul in Philadelphia

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Meeting for Religious Liberty with the Hispanic community and other immigrants at

16:45 the Independence Mall in Philadelphia

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

19:30 **Festival of families** and vigil of prayer at the B. Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Sunday, 27 September 2015

Meeting with victims of sexual abuse at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Meeting with bishops taking part in the World Meeting of Families gathered at St.

09:15 Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

11:00 **Visit to detainees at Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility** in Philadelphia

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Holy Mass concluding the World Meeting of Families at B. Franklin Parkway in

16:00 Philadelphia

[Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Greeting to the organizing committee, volunteers and benefactors at the International

19:00 Airport of Philadelphia

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

19:45 **Farewell ceremony**

Departure by plane from Philadelphia for Rome/Ciampino

20:00 **In-Flight Press Conference** from Philadelphia to Rome

[English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish]

Monday, 28 September 2015

10:00 Arrival at Ciampino Airport in Rome

Time lag:

Rome: +2h UTC

La Habana / Holguín / Santiago: -4h UTC

Washington / New York / Philadelphia: -4h UTC

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