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Dear Ms. Stewart

I am pleased to have this opportunity to greet all the delegates who will gather for the North American Region Meeting of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, and which will take place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, September 29-30, 2013.

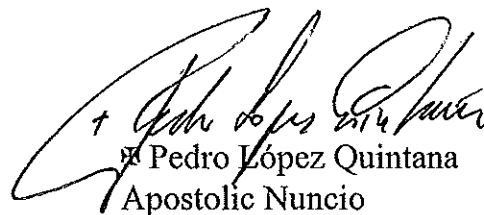
Your Organization helps to give voice to the countless numbers of women belonging to Catholic associations throughout the world, thereby making an invaluable contribution in fostering the sanctity of human life and protecting and promoting the dignity of women across the globe. In reflecting upon the role of women within the mission of the Church Pope Francis noted:

The first witnesses of the Resurrection were women. Mothers and women, carry on witnessing to this! It is the heart that counts for God, how open to him we are, whether we are like trusting children. However this also makes us think about how women, in the Church and on the journey of faith, had and still have today a special role in opening the doors to the Lord, in following him and in communicating his Face, for the gaze of faith is always in need of the simple and profound gaze of love.  
*(Audience Talk, April 3, 2013)*

May your efforts assist in opening doors to the Lord and communicating to women everywhere, and to all people, the compassionate face of Christ.

With cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely in the Lord,



† Pedro López Quintana  
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