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Vaticano, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear Mrs Stewart,

It is with great joy that I write to greet you and all participants of the North American Region Meeting of the *World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations* (WUCWO) taking place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, later this month.

You have chosen for your Regional Meeting the theme "Peace in Action" adopted by WUCWO at its last General Assembly; it is a sign of hope that you are willing to renew your commitment to being true builders of peace, a commitment that has been a part of WUCWO's long history of service in the Church. Today we see many different forms of violation of human dignity; in this scenario, women, to whom God has entrusted the human being in a special way (cf. *Mulieris dignitatem*, 30), have a central role to play in helping society to respect and value the dignity of each and every human life, including the weakest and most vulnerable. Indeed, women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can give an enormous contribution to society by being builders of that true peace that they themselves find in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When we allow Him to transform our hearts, then we can engage more fruitfully in building true and lasting peace.

Be assured of my prayers and I invoke God's blessing upon the WUCWO North American Region Meeting.

With my sincere greetings in the Lord,

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