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Dear Father,

As you are aware, the Holy Father has charged the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization with organizing the upcoming Extraordinary Holy Year, the *Jubilee of Mercy*, which Pope Francis hopes will be an opportunity for Christians to reflect on and live out more faithfully our Lord's command: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (*Lk* 6:36).

While it is the Holy Father's wish that the upcoming Jubilee be celebrated not just in Rome but in each particular Church, Pope Francis has at the same time approved a Calendar of major celebrations in Rome which are universal in nature and which will be characterized by his presence. These celebrations will provide special opportunities for pilgrims from around the world to make a spiritual journey to Rome.

One of these major events will be the **Jubilee for Priests** which will be held in Rome from **Wednesday, June 1 to Friday, June 3, 2016**. During this international gathering, one day will be dedicated to a spiritual retreat, during which time Pope Francis will offer three meditations on the theme of the priest as a minister of mercy. The **Jubilee for Priests** will conclude with a concelebrated Holy Mass presided by the Holy Father on the 160th Anniversary of the institution of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to join in the upcoming **Jubilee for Priests** with our Holy Father. The program for this gathering, along with all of the information pertaining to registration, may be found on the official website of the *Jubilee of Mercy* which is **www.im.va**.

I wish to extend to you my prayerful best wishes, as I look forward to having the opportunity to welcome you personally to the Eternal City for the **Jubilee for Priests**.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ Rino Fisichella
President