



# The Holy See

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

***GREETING OF HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
TO YOUNG ITALIANS AT THE CONCLUSION  
OF HIS VISIT TO ST. FRANCIS' HOSPITAL***

*Rio de Janeiro*  
*Wednesday, 24 July 2013*

I now turn to our young Italian friends who are following the proceedings live from Maracanãzinho. I know that you have gathered there with many Brazilians of Italian origin and with your bishops to celebrate and to reflect on the person of Jesus and on the answers that only he can give to your questions about faith and life. Trust Christ, listen to him, follow in his footsteps. He never abandons us, not even in the darkest moments of our lives. He is our hope. Tomorrow in Copacabana we will have an opportunity to explore this truth more deeply, in order to shine his light on our lives. See you tomorrow!