



# The Holy See

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***ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO A DELEGATION OF MUSLIM LEADERS FROM THE UK***

*Meeting room in the Paul VI Audience Hall  
Wednesday, 5 April 2017*

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I welcome you with joy. I like to think that the most important work that we have to do today, among us, in humanity, is the work “of listening”: listening to each other. Listening to each other, without rushing to give a response. Welcoming the words of a brother, of a sister, and then thinking to offer my own. But the ability to listen: this is very important. It is interesting: when people have this capacity for listening, they speak with a low, calm voice.... Instead, when they do not have it, they speak loudly; they even shout. Among brothers and sisters, we all must speak, listen to each other and speak slowly, calmly, seeking the path together. And when you listen and you speak, you are already on the right path.

I thank you for this journey that you are making and I ask Almighty and Merciful God to bless you. And I ask you to pray for me.

Thank you very much.