

VISIT OF THE HOLY FATHER TO THE PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

***ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY***

Mr. Luigi Allena

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Your Holiness:

It is with great emotion that I offer you this greeting in the name of the non-teaching personnel of this university and I thank you sincerely in the name of all those who collaborate in the work here for having consented to honor us with your welcome visit.

We have prepared ourselves with joy and diligence for this occasion which witnesses your return to our university in which you taught in the first years after 1970 and which you enriched as Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith on different academic occasions in the succeeding years.

As the General Secretary of this prestigious institution, but even more as a faithful layman engaged in civil and social life, I desire to express to you our complete gratitude for all the occasions when your Holiness through your teaching office reminds us that in our daily lives and even through our work we are partners in the plan of God.

To our students and teachers coming from every part of the world we should be grateful because every day they place us before the mystery of unity in diversity by reason of provenance, culture, and tradition, greatly enriching us not only on the human level but even more so on the Christian. We intend to go forward always in this sense of working together with gratitude to the Lord and to the authorities of the university who with such great confidence offer us the possibility of an active, cordial, and responsible cooperation.

Would your Holiness bless each of us and our families so that this place of work and also of academic formation may foster every day a personal spiritual growth but even more make us feel that we are participants of a community on the move in the service of a work of the Holy See.