His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to be informed of the World Scout Jamboree to be held from 28 July to 8 August 2015, and he sends warm greetings to all the members of the Catholic scout associations gathered for this celebration. As participants reflect on the theme “A Spirit of Unity”, the Holy Father encourages all scouts and leaders to deepen their personal commitment to Jesus during these days and to renew the bonds of friendship that they share. In this way, each association of scouts will give greater witness to their local communities of their faith in Christ, through the promotion of the ideals and activities of scouting, and evidence the community and solidarity which scouting fosters among its members. Pope Francis prays especially that scouts may help their neighbors and friends to care for and appreciate all of God’s creation and “to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness” (Laudato Si’, 12). Commending all present and their families to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, the Holy Father willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord.

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Yours sincerely in Christ,