



The Holy See

**VIDEO MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS UPCOMING
APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO MADAGASCAR**

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[Multimedia]

Dear Brother and Sisters of Madagascar,

With the grace of God, in a few days' time I will be among you!

I wish to already send you my cordial greeting, together with thanks for all that you have done and are doing to prepare for my visit.

Above all, I thank you for your prayer, whether personal, in families, in parish communities or in hospitals and prisons. Prayer knows no boundaries, and when I am in Madagascar, even if I can visit only a few places, with prayer I will reach everyone, and I will implore God's blessing for all.

Dear Malagasy friends, your country is famous for its natural beauty, and for this we say: "Laudato Si'!". It is our duty to look after it with care. But there is another beauty that is even more dear to Christ and to the Pope: that of His people, which is your holiness! For this reason, I will come to confirm you in faith and at the same time to draw from it.

May the Blessed Virgin obtain for us this gift.

Thank you and see you soon!
