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Your Eminence,

I would like to ask you kindly to forward, in whatever manner you deem most appropriate, the following message to the National Hockey League, for a press conference to be held on Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at Rockefeller Center, New York, at which a number of American and Canadian hockey associations will formally adopt the Declaration of Principles signed at the First Global Conference on “Sport at the Service of Humanity”, held in the Vatican in October 2016:

His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to learn that an international group of hockey organizations has chosen formally to adopt the “Declaration of Principles” that emerged from last year’s Global Conference on Sport at the Service of Humanity. His Holiness trusts that this significant gesture will inspire greater appreciation of the pivotal role played by sports and sportsmanship in training future generations to pursue personal excellence and to promote the spiritual values of teamwork, solidarity and mutual respect so necessary for the building of a more just and fraternal world.

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State*

With gratitude for your valued assistance, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Christophe Pierre
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