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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis, I offer you greetings on the commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

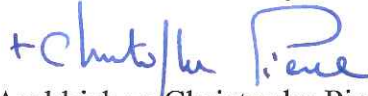
When the Holy Father visited Auschwitz in July of 2016, he had asked God for “the grace to cry”. In the guest book of that camp, he wrote; “Lord, have mercy on your people. Lord, forgive so much cruelty.”

It is a blessing that you are now able to unveil works of “Forbidden Art” that were produced in the midst of that cruelty. Art is a testament to the freedom of the human spirit, which is able to express beauty and display human dignity even amidst deplorable conditions that are meant to dehumanize the victims.

Like Pope Francis, may we also ask God for the grace to cry for those who suffer hatred and injustice. May we overcome indifference and be channels of mercy. I pray that this commemoration may strengthen you in your resolve to defend authentic human freedom wherever you are called to do so.

With the assurance of Pope Francis’s spiritual communion and the promise of a grateful remembrance in my prayers, I am

Yours Sincerely,


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