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HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II ASKS YOU KINDLY TO CONVEY HIS GREETINGS AND THE ASSURANCE OF HIS CLOSENESS IN PRAYER TO ALL TAKING PART IN THE GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS PIOUS EXERCISE ORGANIZED BY “COMMUNION AND LIBERATION”, WHICH THIS YEAR MOURNS THE PASSING OF ITS FOUNDER, MONSIGNOR LUIGI GIUSSANI. WITH GRATITUDE TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR OF NEW YORK FOR HIS PROCLAMATION HONORING THIS ANNUAL PROCESSION, HIS HOLINESS PRAYS THAT AS THE FAITHFUL TREAD THE STREETS OF THE GREAT METROPOLIS IN RECOLLECTED SILENCE, MEDITATING ON THE LAST HOURS OF OUR REDEEMER, THEY WILL BE LED TO IMITATE EVER MORE FULLY THE LORD’S SAVING OBEDIENCE TO THE FATHER’S WILL AND BECOME EVER MORE EFFECTIVE WITNESSES OF THE RECONCILING POWER OF THE GOSPEL, THE CONSOLING MESSAGE OF GOD’S INFINITE MERCY, AND THAT DIVINE LOVE WHICH ALONE CAN INSPIRE AND SUSTAIN THE HUMAN FAMILY’S EFFORTS TO BUILD A WORLD OF GREATER FRATERNITY, FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE. AS A PLEDGE OF EASTER JOY THE HOLY FATHER INVOKES UPON ALL TAKING PART IN THE URBAN PILGRIMAGE AN ABUNDANCE OF HEAVENLY BLESSINGS.

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