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Dear Father Timotheos,


I wish to express my deep appreciation for your active participation in the recent Dialogue on Protection Challenges on the theme “Faith and Protection” and, in particular, for your personal contribution to the success of the meeting.

Your active contributions during the discussions in the preparatory meeting, the plenary sessions and the roundtables were particularly constructive and confirmed the consonance between fundamental religious values and humanitarian principles. I am also thankful for your active role in creating a positive atmosphere and for the many concrete suggestions for further action this Dialogue successfully generated with your able support.

I sincerely hope that this Dialogue will have served not only to confirm the important role that faith plays in sustaining hope and building resilience, but also to spur concrete action to deepen and improve our cooperation with faith-based organizations and local religious communities with the goal of better protecting persons of concern to my Office.

My office looks forward to continuing this important discussion.

Yours sincerely,



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