

**Greeting addressed to the Holy Father by Cardinal Kevin Farrell
during the audience given to the participants at the International Summit
“*Sport for all – cohesive, accessible and tailored to each person*”
(Vatican, 29-30 September 2022)**

Holy Father,

On behalf of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life and the Dicastery for Culture and Education, I wish to express our deepest gratitude to you for this Audience that you are graciously granting to the participants at the International Summit on Sport, which has the title “*Sport for all – cohesive, accessible and tailored to each person*”.

Present here are leaders and delegates from various sporting and inter-governmental institutions and organisations, coaches, professional and amateur athletes, representatives from various Christian denominations and from other religions, and other participants connected to the world of sport, including refugees, former detainees, and people with physical and intellectual disabilities. They come from around 40 countries representing all continents.

Over these two days we engaged in joint reflection on sport and the role that sport can play in fostering social cohesion and acceptance, especially at this time following a long and distressful pandemic. We must all ask ourselves how we can change our society for the better. It was also proposed that we

sign a Declaration indicating the common goals we want to achieve, and the tasks and responsibilities we all want to assume.

We thank you for your presence among us, for the support you have extended to this initiative and for the words of guidance you will give us.

Your Holiness, bless us and the families of all those present today.