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PRESS RELEASE

**"A shepherd according to your heart"
IFCA REJOICES FOR POPE FRANCIS**

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"Men and women who want to live their baptism must reach out to the peripheries, towards the geographical peripheries, the cultural peripheries, existential peripheries, they must go there with this evangelical proposal. If you live your Catholic Action call to the full, this should be your lifelong tension, a tension between your internal encounter with Jesus and the going out of yourself and questioning everything, and between a continuous coming and going.

A Catholic Action man, woman, young person or child, who does not discover the spiritual wisdom of tensions, cannot carry out his/her apostolic mission to the full".

At this providential time for the Church, the International Forum of Catholic Action wishes to convey its filial greetings and its joy to Our Holy Father Francis. It recalls the message which Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio conveyed to Catholic Action in Argentina on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of its foundation in the Country.

"IFCA, which has confirmed Emilio Inzaurraga, President of Catholic Action in Argentina, as its coordinator, offers the Holy Father the availability of its members, in the different countries, to be evangelizers and to reach out to the existential peripheries. As lay people, they humbly assume this tension, convinced that Jesus is always with them".

IFCA joins the whole Church in thanking the Lord for having given us "a shepherd according to your heart" and assures the Holy Father of its prayers so that, happily, He may be able to carry out His ministry as Bishop of the Church in Rome "which is the one through which, with love, He presides over all the Churches". We ask this through the intercession of the Virgin Mary and of Saint Francis, humble servant of the poor and of the Church.