



PONTIFICIUM CONSILIUM
AD CHRISTIANORUM UNITATEM FOVENDAM

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HIS HOLINESS PORFIRIJE
Serbian Patriarch
Archbishop of Peć and Metropolitan of Belgrade-Karlovci

“Abide in my love ... and you shall bear much fruit”
(Jn 15:1-17)

Your Holiness,

Learning with joy of your recent election and enthronement as Patriarch of Serbia, I express my warmest congratulations in the assurance of my spiritual closeness to Your Holiness and to the Serbian Orthodox Church entrusted to your pastoral care.

It is my heartfelt prayer that the Holy Spirit may bestow upon you every gift for the spiritual good of the faithful of your flock, and for the common witness to the Gospel of Orthodox and Catholics “that the world may believe” (Jn 17:21).

I ask the Lord in a particular way to grant that our cooperation, which had already been so fruitful with your venerable predecessors, may continue to grow and may strengthen our commitment to fostering relations between our Churches. I am trustful that we will be able to continue to work together in different fields of ecclesial and cultural life, in the awareness that the ultimate aim of dialogue is the fulfilment of the crucial aspiration of Jesus Christ, our Lord, that is, the full communion of all his disciples.

It is in this hope that I ask for the intercession of the Mother of God that the Lord may grant Your Holiness health, strength and wisdom.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Cardinal Kurt Koch
President