



DICASTERIUM
AD CHRISTIANORUM UNITATEM FOVENDAM

E Civitate Vaticana, die

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To His Holiness

Daniil

Patriarch of Bulgaria and Metropolitan of Sofia

Your Holiness,

The Holy Father Pope Francis has received with great joy the news of your election as Patriarch of Bulgaria. On his behalf, I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations, assuring you of my prayers for Your Holiness and for the Bulgarian Orthodox Church that has been entrusted to you.

May the Holy Spirit always accompany your ministry, enriching it with abundant gifts for the spiritual good of your people and for the common witness to the Gospel, “that the world may believe” (*Jn 17:21*).

With trust and with the Lord’s help, we can carry on our collaboration, working together in various fields of ecclesial and social life, so as to fulfil the desire of Jesus Christ, for the full communion of all his disciples.

I pray that together we can rediscover this fundamental bond, thus giving renewed impetus to our theological dialogue and ecumenical relations.

With this hope, I invoke the intercession of the Holy Mother of God, of the Holy Brothers Saints Cyril and Methodius, and of all the Bulgarian saints.

Kurt Cardinal Koch

Prefect