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His Holiness, Pope Francis I
Bishop of Rome and
Sovereign of the State of Vatican City

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“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24)

Dear Holy Father, beloved brother in Christ,

Christ is Risen! As we celebrate the annual Brotherly Love Day between the Catholic Church and the Coptic Orthodox Church, I recall with great joy our path of friendship throughout the past eleven years.

Through the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we remember his commandment to love one another as he loved us. Closely we have been attentive to Christ’s advise “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves” (Romans 12:10), for this I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude, and assure your Holiness of my devoted love, praying that it may continue to flourish.

Our friendship has been and will continue to be a message to all Christians to grow closer together in Christ, as we celebrate our day of friendship let us ask the Lord of peace to grant us his peace and be present between us and may “the spirit helps us in our weakness” Romans 8:26

The loving relationship between our two churches is flourishing day after day, and the existing dialogue between us will continue and further strengthen. We have currently started the preparations to celebrate next year 2025 the commemoration of the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea. This global celebration will take place in the land of Egypt, the country that gave birth to the great Saint Athanasius, the twentieth Coptic Pope (298 -373 AD). This is an important opportunity to confirm our one Christian roots at a time when the church of Christ was One Church before any division or separation, which is what we seek today on the path of ecumenism and Christian unity.

I offer prayerful good wishes for your Holiness wellbeing, spiritual fortitude and serenity, and I cordially exchange with Your Holiness a fraternal embrace of peace in the Risen Lord.

With fraternal love and blessings,

Tawadros II
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