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Pope Francis returns to Rome at the conclusion of his 41st Apostolic Visit abroad

## A message of peace from Hungary for war-torn Europe



**D**uring his three-day visit spent in Hungary's capital, Budapest, Pope Francis was publicly engaged in seven different events.

He delivered six speeches in which he confirmed the faith of the Hungarian people and urged them to be inclusive and open and to help build peace in Europe.

Shortly after take-off aboard the papal plane from Budapest, the Pope sent the customary farewell telegram to Hungary's President Katlin Novák, expressing his gratitude to Hungarian authorities and citizens for their "warm welcome and generous hospitality".

Assuring them of his prayers, the Pope invoked on the EU nation "the blessings of Almighty God for unity, fraternity and peace".

Following his long-standing custom, Pope Francis stopped to pray before the ancient icon of *Maria Salus Populi Romani*, as he returned to the Vatican by car from Rome's Fiumicino Airport on Sunday evening, 30 April.

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## Archbishop of Westminster on upcoming ceremony Coronation of King Charles III

Cardinal VINCENT NICHOLS

**T**he opening words of the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May, in Westminster Abbey, are most revealing. A chorister speaks first, saying: 'Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings' and King Charles replies: 'In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve.'

The ceremony that then follows is profoundly Christian in every sentiment and action, combining history with innovation, action with word, music with silent prayer.

I am told that in the archives of Lambeth Palace there are records of the coronations of kings and queens reaching back to the eleventh century.

There are four consistent elements to these coronations: the anointing of the monarch, the crowning, the giving of the sword of justice and the reception of Communion. All these elements are present at this Coronation, embellished by many other traditional actions including the handing over of the Orb and Sceptre and other items of regalia. This is a ceremony expressive of the richness of tradition and therefore of continuity and stability.

But it is also full of innovations, complementing the traditional with elements expressive of the changes in British society today. Representatives of other religions have a part to play, handing over the items of regalia. Newly composed choral music is to be heard, sung in the different languages of these islands. People from all walks of life have been in-



vited together with leaders from so many different nations. The full range of Christian denominations are present and some have a speaking part to contribute. At the end of the proceedings, just before leaving the Abbey, the King will be greeted by the religious leaders of other religions who address him 'as neighbours in faith' and receive his acknowledgement in return.

The history of these lands is profoundly marked by our religious history. Until the sixteenth century, the

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