Dear young friends of Economy of Francesco,

we are fast approaching the event we are all working on with great enthusiasm.

We look forward to welcoming you at the city of Saint Francis for a wonderful and generative meeting, which will end with a shared “covenant” with Pope Francis.

However, you all have heard about the serious crisis in different parts of the world and, unfortunately, also in Italy, caused by the “coronavirus” epidemic.

We are currently following with the greatest attention the development of the situation, while waiting for Public Authorities' guidance and decisions on what to do. Under no circumstances does the Organizing Committee intend to cancel the event, but to postpone it only if necessary. The Committee will send an official notice to all participants in early March, after having made a decision, in agreement with the Holy See. We kindly ask you to wait for this notice, on the grounds of prudence, before purchasing or canceling your flight tickets.

We also ask you to go ahead with preparing the activities in all possible ways, perhaps with even greater zealfulness. “Coronavirus” constantly shows us how we are all interconnected. The renewal of the economy we are all aiming for is also meant to provide answers to similar problems, which have now increasingly assumed a global dimension.

We will get back to you as soon as possible and we take this opportunity to share with you our warm and heartfelt wishes.

Yours faithfully,

+ Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop of Assisi

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