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Dear Ms Gaughan,

His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to receive the letters from the students who won the 2014 essay contest sponsored by Maryknoll Magazine, and he has asked me to thank you for sending them to him.

The Holy Father asks that you express his gratitude to each of the students for explaining how they are living out their faith by “having courage, going forward and making noise”. He appreciates their insights and their beautiful witness to the faith.

Assuring the students of his spiritual closeness and prayers, Pope Francis willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing to them and their families as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary of State

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