



The Holy See

**GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO Mme HENRYANE DE CHAPONAY, FROM PARIS,
FOUNDER OF THE "CENTRE D'ÉTUDE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT EN AMÉRIQUE LATINE
(CEDAL)"**

Friday, 6 April 2018

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Madame, dear friends,

I am glad to welcome you this morning, to greet you and to pay homage to your effort in the service of peace, the defence of human rights, the protection of our earth and support for the growth of a more human and fraternal society.

Madame, I appreciate your mission as the founder of the *Centre d'Étude du développement en Amérique latine* (CEDAL). Your tireless creativity has borne fruit through the "*Dialogues en humanité*", whose meetings are intended to refocus politics on humanity, to construct a citizenship that cares for the "common home". It is good to inspire an art of living together in simplicity, benevolence, fraternity, as well as to educate in the culture of respect and encounter, the only one capable of building a future that rises up to the ideal of man.

With the encyclical *Laudato si'*, with various messages, convoking the next Synod of Bishops on Amazonia, my hope is that our human history may become a flowering of liberation, growth, salvation and love (cf. Encyclical *Laudato si'*, 79). As I express to you all my appreciation for your generosity and your dedication, I assure you of my prayer and I bless you from the heart.

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