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VISIT TO THE CHILDREN OF THE "BLESSED LÁSZLÓ BATTHYÁNY-STRATTMANN"
INSTITUTE

IMPROMPTU GREETING OF THE HOLY FATHER

Saturday, 29 April 2023

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Many thanks to you all for your welcome and your tenderness. Thank you for your hymns, your gestures, your eyes. Thank you, Mr. Director, for wanting to begin this act with the prayer of Saint Francis, which is a plan for life. Because the Saint always asks for the grace that where *there is nothing* I can *do something*, when *something is lacking* I can *do something*. In a journey from reality, as it is, carry it forward, make that reality go forward. And this is the pure Gospel. Jesus came to take reality as it was and to carry it forward. It would have been easier to take ideas, ideologies, and go forward with them without taking reality into account. This is the evangelical path, it is the path of Jesus. And this is what you, Mr. Director, wished to express with the prayer of Saint Francis. Thank you. And thank you to you all!

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