

THE VISIT OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
3-5 FEBRUARY, 2019

Visit to St. Joseph's Cathedral, Abu Dhabi

05 February 2019 at 9.15 am

Below is the text of the Holy Father's message which he gave to those gathered during the occasion of his private visit to St. Joseph's Cathedral, Abu Dhabi.

Thank you very much for coming here and welcoming me. It is a great joy for me to visit the small churches that are spread all over the world.

A young church that is growing and sprouting, we have children and an old priest too, 92 years old, who is still young!

I bless all of you and I ask you to pray - to pray for the Church, that the Church will remain faithful to the Lord, that it may grow in faith and in charity. I give you my encouragement to go forward in the hope of the Lord.

Thank you very much for your testimony and witness.

I would like to bless all of you. I invite you to pray to our Lady, each one in his own language.

Ave Maria.. (Hail Mary..)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please do not forget to pray for me.

Thank you very much.