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Cenjeni gostje, drage dame in gospodje. Respective guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The civil wars and conflicts of various (interest) forces are going on throughout the world, also in Syria, where probably mass destruction weapons were misused and a likely continuation follows in international military intervention. On September 11th we shall commemorate the attack on United States of America which was followed by several mighty military interventions. We are constantly surrounded by attacks we address them as terrorism. Wasn't the Church right, being aware of constant threat and danger of military conflicts due to active dark forces of evil in the world and as well human decisions and on the other hand encouraging the believers and all good willed people to contribute in just and permanent peace? As Christians we don't support a war but we are urged to use all necessary means for its prevention and to collaborate to establish a just society of peace. While answering to call of our Holy Father Francis, we firmly believe that we could be an Instrument of Peace, which was the only desire of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Welcome to Slovenia, beloved friends of peace, welcome to the land which is unfortunately still covered with numerous nameless unburied many ten thousands victims of totalitarian regimes and we all bare this mark; and at the same moment be welcomed in our "beloved and wondrous land" as it was described by John Paul II, where people speak the language of cheering, where dual in grammar is being used and where the language does not know cursing words. It is my wish that the sign of having solely imported cursing would stand for our incorruption and honesty.

Greetings to you, ladies and gentlemen, who with "humble courage" (John Paul II) have faith and hope for possibility in God's ability to bring peace and love in the world by humans.

Dobrodošli in Bog vas živi!