

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE  
WORLD SEMINAR FOR CATHOLIC CIVIL AVIATION  
CHAPLAINS SPONSORED BY THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE  
PASTORAL CARE OF MIGRANTS AND ITINERANT PEOPLE**  
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[...] The airport is a place of encounter for many people who travel for work, tourism or other reasons; Migrants and refugees, children and the elderly, people who are in need of healing and special attention pass through it. And then there are the people who work there every day, with their personal and professional lives. There is also an alarming number of passengers without documents — often refugees and asylum seekers — who are detained in airport premises for long or short periods, sometimes without adequate spiritual and human assistance. [...]