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TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN  
DIOCESAN CARITAS**

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[...] I would also like to encourage you to continue the efforts and closeness with migrants. The phenomenon of migration, which today presents critical aspects that must be managed with organic and farseeing policies, is also a richness and a resource, from different perspectives. Thus your work is precious: work which, next to the supportive approach, tends to give preference to choices which favour greater integration among foreign populations and Italian citizens, offering the grassroots workers the cultural and professional tools appropriate for the complexity of the phenomenon and its particularities.[...]