

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE
GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF
MERCY (MERCEDARIANS)
ON THE EIGHTH CENTENARY OF ITS FOUNDING**
Consistory Hall

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[...] On the eighth centenary of the Order, do not cease “proclaiming the year of the Lord’s grace” to all those to whom you have been sent: to those persecuted on account of their faith and to those who are deprived of freedom, to the victims of trafficking and to the youth of your schools, to those whom you assist in your works of mercy and to the faithful of the parishes and missions whom the Church has entrusted to you. To each of them and to the entire Mercedarian family I impart my Blessing and I ask that you too not forget to pray for me.