

**APOSTOLIC LETTER
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SANCTUARIUM IN ECCLESIA

***transferring competences for Shrines to the Pontifical Council for the
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4. [...] Through the spirituality proper to each Shrine, pilgrims are guided by the “pedagogy of evangelization”^[6] to a more responsible involvement both in their Christian formation and in the necessary witness of charity that flows from it. The Shrine also greatly contributes to the catechetical commitment of the Christian community;^[7] indeed, transmitting the message that gave rise to its foundation in harmony with the times, it enriches the lives of believers, offering them justification for a more mature and informed commitment to the faith (cf. *1 Thess* 1:3). All in all, in the Shrine, the doors are wide open to the sick, the disabled, and above all, to the poor, the marginalized, refugees and migrants. [...]