



His Holiness Pope Francis

warmly greets the participants and organizers of the *14th Marcel Grossmann Meeting*, reflecting on the latest advances in the studies of gravitation and the theory of general relativity. As well as expressing his admiration for the achievements attained in your research, and acknowledging the generosity with which you make them available for the good of humanity, he encourages you always to have in mind, along with knowledge of the universe, a respect for each one of the beings of creation.

While entrusting the progress of this meeting to the maternal care of the Virgin Mary, the Holy Father invokes over you the light of the Holy Spirit so that, with each new discovery, the beauty of the Cosmos may show forth, ever more clearly, the glory of its Creator and hope in a better future may increase.

With these sincere wishes, the Holy Father gladly imparts the implored Apostolic Blessing, as a pledge of abundant celestial favours.

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