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Thy Eminences, Excellence, Distinguished Guests – particularly Official Representatives of Hungary and the Corvinus University – Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an extraordinary honor to the Pázmány Péter Catholic University to contribute into the great cultural movement which has begun some years ago, entitled *Cortile dei Gentili*, which organization opened innumerable eyes around the whole world to the common value of human beings, without their ideology. This event is supervised by Gianfranco Card. RAVASI, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture, who is among us on this day.

„I know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph, and there is purpose and worth to each and every life.” – This sentence of President Ronald REAGAN can be interpreted as his spiritual heritage, conserving for all of human history engraving on June 5th 2004 on Gravestone of President REAGAN, in California.

This fraise describes all about that intellectual, or – if you like – human dialogue which is the greatest challenge of our current – celebrated – organization: *Cortile dei Gentili* (means: *Courtyard of Gentiles*). Meeting Earthly people – meeting with discovery of concepts; moreover customs and faith. Nevertheless, explained from different point of views, scientific concepts, religious or moral convictions, sociological categories. However, every single one is on the same platform which should be the human dignity – as it is crystal clear from that conviction which has been formed among intellectual peoples who still believe a higher mission of the human being – independently his/her religious or agnostic concept – like the Apostolic Holy See still sees the vocation of people for a noble proposition, and by this reason the Pontifical Council for Culture organizes the today event.

The basis of human dignity is good which is hidden at the deepest place of every person, and calls his/her to triumph through human actions.

It gives reason for us to begin our discussion and discover our worthy goal of own unique life, in order to serve the human society which has much elevated zeal what we can imagine to impinge on.

As Mr. President Ronald REAGAN expressed on 27th October 1964: “(...) you and I have the ability and the dignity and the right to make our own decisions and determine our own destiny (...).” So, Help me God!

By these words I welcome to our *Cortile dei Gentili*!

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