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On the Appointment of Maria Montserrat Alvarado to the Dicastery for Communication

New Delhi, 2 June, 2026: I warmly welcome the appointment of Maria Montserrat Alvarado to the Dicastery for Communication. I consider this appointment both historic and visionary, reflecting the Church's growing recognition of the indispensable role of women in leadership and decision-making within ecclesial life. The Holy Father's decision is a powerful affirmation of participation, collaboration, and shared responsibility in the mission of the universal Church.

Maria Montserrat Alvarado brings to this important responsibility not only remarkable professional expertise but also a deep commitment to Gospel values and ecclesial service. Her extensive experience in leading global media initiatives across television, radio, print, digital, and social media platforms has equipped her with a profound understanding of contemporary communication and the challenges of engaging diverse audiences in an increasingly interconnected world.

Her appointment comes at a particularly significant moment when the Church is navigating the opportunities and ethical challenges emerging from Artificial Intelligence and the rapidly evolving digital culture. In a world increasingly shaped by technology, algorithms, and digital influence, the Church's communication mission must remain rooted in truth, human dignity, dialogue, and pastoral sensitivity.

I am confident that Maria Montserrat Alvarado's vision, experience, and commitment to the Church will contribute greatly to strengthening the Dicastery's mission of fostering authentic communication and innovative evangelization. Her leadership will undoubtedly help the Church engage the digital age with wisdom, creativity, and responsibility while safeguarding the dignity of every human person.

As Chairman of the CBCI Office for Social Communications, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and assure her of our prayers and best wishes as she undertakes this important ministry in service of the Church and the Gospel.

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