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*Catholic Association of Laboratory Diagnosticians
Catholic Association of Polish Physicians,
Catholic Association of Polish Nurses and Midwives,
Association of Polish Catholic Pharmacists*

**Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee
David Lappartient, President of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee
Etienne de Poncins, the Ambassador of the French Republic to Poland**

Dear Sirs,

We strongly object to and unequivocally condemn the mockery, ridicule, profanation, and blasphemy against religion that took place during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in front of millions of viewers. Christianity was insolently mocked by presenting a "rainbow" parody of the Last Supper. Among the lewd figures, we saw "drag queens" and a child in the roles of the Apostles.

"The Last Supper," one of Leonardo da Vinci's most outstanding paintings, depicts the events in the Upper Room when Jesus instituted two sacraments: priesthood and Eucharist which are so important to Catholics. The scandalous staging of Leonardo da Vinci's work showed the hatred and contempt of the event organizers and French authorities for Christians worldwide, including Polish Catholic medical professionals: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and laboratory diagnosticians.

Such behaviour will not be condoned.

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We regret that in the French edition, the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, an event whose symbols have always been peace, honesty, and cooperation, has become a place to present the degradation of humanity, as well as to attack and humiliate the values and beliefs of all Christians.

Therefore, we demand an official apology for insulting the feelings of Christians in front of millions of viewers and taking actions to ensure that the ongoing Olympic Games in Paris become a place of respect for Christian values.

Kind regards

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