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To the Honorable Pope Francis,

On the eve of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, I turn to you on a topic of great importance and sensitivity relating to the fate of our people in the wake of the cursed Shoah.

As is widely known, during the Holocaust, many Jewish parents deposited their children with Christian families or Christian institutions to protect them from the Nazis, intending to retrieve them after the war. Tragically, a very high percentage didn't survive and the Christian foster families refused to reveal to the children their true identity and return them to their people. We're speaking of many hundreds of children whose descendants today number in the thousands.

The continued silence of the Vatican on this topic, at a time when so many Jews remain cut off from their people, unaware of their identity, prolongs the suffering of our nation and serves as a victory for the Nazis.

We appealed to your predecessor, but nothing was done to remove this dark cloud. Every year sees the passing of many thousands of Holocaust survivors. Time is not on our side in our desire to finally bring justice to these children and their parents who died only because they were Jews.

We are pleading with you on behalf of those parents who who were forced to leave their children alone in the world.

We ask that you publicly declare that anyone who adopted Jewish children or is aware of the identity of Jewish children from the time of the Holocaust, reveals the truth to them.

**On behalf of the Yad L'Achim organization, I remain
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