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In his response, Rabbi Dr. DiSegni thanked the Pope for his "sensitivity shown in the denunciation of past and present anti-Semitism," his condemnation of terrorism, and his "attention to the State of Israel, which for the whole Jewish people is an essential and central reference." Rabbi DiSegni presented the Pope with a silver Yad, a ritualistic pointer used in Torah reading.

[Full text of the Pope's remarks](#)
