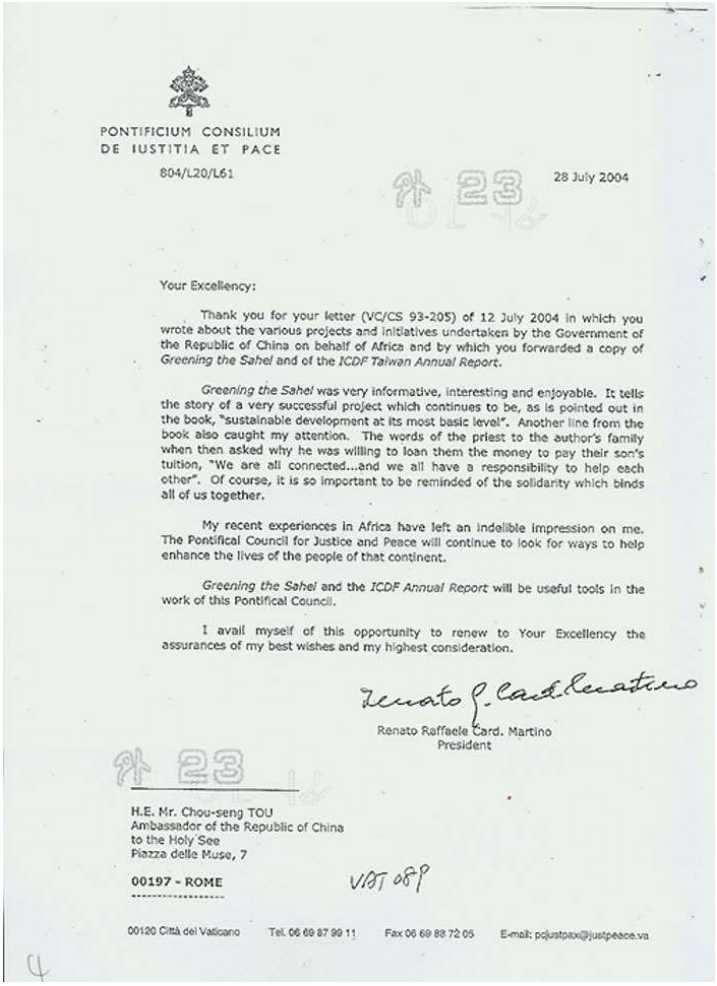

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Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter (VC/CS 93-205) of 12 July 2004 in which you wrote about the various projects and initiatives undertaken by the Government of the Republic of China on behalf of Africa and by which you forwarded a copy of *Greening the Sahel* and of the *ICDF Taiwan Annual Report*.

Greening the Sahel was very informative, interesting and enjoyable. It tells the story of a very successful project which continues to be, as is pointed out in the book, "sustainable development at its most basic level". Another line from the book also caught my attention. The words of the priest to the author's family when then asked why he was willing to loan them the money to pay their son's tuition, "We are all connected...and we all have a responsibility to help each other". Of course, it is so important to be reminded of the solidarity which binds all of us together.

My recent experiences in Africa have left an indelible impression on me. The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace will continue to look for ways to help enhance the lives of the people of that continent.

Greening the Sahel and the *ICDF Annual Report* will be useful tools in the work of this Pontifical Council.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my best wishes and my highest consideration.

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