



## The Holy See

*Friday, 18 November 2011*

### *Rome*

9:00	Departure by plane from Fiumicino Airport for Cotonou <u>Meeting of His Holiness Benedict XVI with journalists during the flight to Benin</u>
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### *Cotonou*

15:00	<u>Welcome ceremony</u> at Cardinal Bernardin Gantin international airport of Cotonou
16:30	<u>Visit at the Cathedral</u> of Cotonou

*Saturday, 19 November 2011*

7:30	<u>Mass in private</u> in the Chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature of Cotonou
9:00	<u>Meeting with Government members, representatives of the Institutions of the Republic, Diplomatic Corps and representatives of the major religions</u> gathered in the Presidential Palace of Cotonou
9:50	<u>Courtesy visit to the President of the Republic</u> at the Presidential Palace of Cotonou

### *Ouidah*

11:15	<u>Visit to the tomb of Card. Bernardin Gantin</u> at the Chapel of St. Gall Seminary
	<u>Meeting with priests, seminarians, men and women religious and lay faithful</u> gathered in the Courtyard of St Gall Seminary
12:15	<u>Visit at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception of Mary of Ouidah and signing of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation</u>  <u><i>Africae Munus: Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Church in Africa in Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace</i></u>

### *Cotonou*

17:00	Visit at "Peace and Joy" Foyer of the Missionaries of Charity at St. Rita Parish
	<u>Meeting with children</u> at St. Rita Parish
18:45	<u>Meeting with the Bishops of Benin</u> at the Apostolic Nunciature of Cotonou
19:30	Dinner with the Bishops of Benin and members of the Papal Entourage at the Apostolic Nunciature of Cotonou

*Sunday, 20 November 2011*

9:00	<u>Holy Mass</u> at the "Stade de l'amitié" of Cotonou
	<u>Consignment of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation</u> to the Bishops of Africa
	<u>Recitation of the Angelus Domini</u>
12:15	Luncheon with members of the Special Council for Africa of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops and with the Papal entourage in the Apostolic Nunciature of Cotonou
16:00	<u>Farewell ceremony</u> at Cardinal Bernardin Gantin international airport of Cotonou
16:30	Departure by plane from Cardinal Bernardin Gantin international airport of Cotonou for Roma

**Rome**

22:00	Arrival at Ciampino Airport
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**Time lag**

Rome and Benin: + 1 UTC