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I, Juan José González, Rector of the Basilica-Parish Virgen Milagrosa of Spanish nationality with DNI 13100157 R, have had the opportunity to get to know in recent years the activities of Arco Forum and Casa Turca in Madrid that have been taking place since February 2015 in our Basilica with the Concert of the Three Cultures.

Thereafter, I have been invited to different acts of interreligious dialogue, cultural exchange and joint celebration of the festivities of the three great Monotheistic Religions, meetings organized by Arco Forum, Casa Turca and other interreligious dialogue associations.

In these activities I have appreciated the magnificent role played by Arco Forum and Casa Turca in the promotion of mutual knowledge and real friendship among people of various religious communities that are based in Madrid. I value the openness, sincerity and authenticity, the respect I have found in Arco Forum and Casa Turca; attitudes so necessary for the coexistence between the different religions in Spain, Europe and the world, where we suffer from so much incomprehension, fanaticism and intolerance.

Within these activities of Arco Forum and Casa Turca, *the Concert of the Three Cultures*, celebrated annually, plays an important role. This concert was celebrated in the Basilica-Parroquia Virgen Milagrosa in 2015 and 2018. I came to witness the spirit of dialogue and collaboration in the organization with the collaboration of brothers belonging to Jewish, Christian and Muslim religion. The quality of the performers, who come together in this event, is worth noting as well as the richness of listening to musical compositions of the three monotheistic religions under the same roof. Usually a considerable number of believers belonging to the three religions along with non-believers attend this Concert with curiosity towards Judaism, Islam, Christianity and, in general, towards the spiritual displayed from a musical culture. All this underlies the involvement of the associations *Arco Forum* y *Casa Turca*.

Having said that, I express my gratitude and appreciation to the people who represent these associations and without whom the Concert of the Three Cultures and many other activities in favor of harmony and encounter among the believers of the three monotheistic religions would not be possible.

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