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A quote from Pope Francis:

"The challenge is that of maintaining the honesty of sport, of protecting it from manipulations and commercial abuse. ... In sport, as in life, competing for the result is important, but playing well and fairly is even more important. ... When people strive to create a society that is fairer and transparent, they collaborate with the work of God. We too, responsible for different religious communities, wish to offer our contribution for that commitment. As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, she is working in the world of sport to bring the joy of the Gospel, the inclusive and unconditional love of God for all human beings."

— Address to the participants in the Sport and Faith conference, Oct. 5, 2016

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