

VATICAN - (1ST ADD) POPE EXPRESSES FEAR (CN 99) XXX LACKING

BEFORE REFERRING TO PRESENT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POPE PAUL GREETED CZECHOSLOVAKS ATTENDING HIS WEEKLY AUDIENCE.

"OUR GREETING, WITH PATERNAL SATISFACTION, GOES OUT TO THE PILGRIMS WHO HAVE COME HERE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TO THE GROUP OF SLOVAKS AND TO THE GROUP OF EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS FROM A PRAGUE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

"YOU ARE MOST WELCOME, VERY DEAR CHILDREN. YOUR VISIT GIVES US A LIVELY REMEMBRANCE OF YOUR COUNTRY, WHICH WE SO MUCH LOVE AND APPRECIATE.

"AND ALL TOGETHER YOU OFFER PROOF OF YOUR LOVE FOR AND FAITHFULNESS IN CHRIST AND IN THE CHURCH WHICH, DOUBTLESS, WILL BE REINFORCED BY TODAY'S MEETING WITH THE SUCCESSOR OF PETER.

"YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, THEREFORE, HOW GREAT IS OUR SATISFACTION AT BEING ABLE TO GREET YOU, TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR AFFECTION AND TO PROMISE YOU THE AID OF OUR PRAYERS.

"MAY THE LORD HELP YOU TO REMAIN STRONG IN THAT FIRMNESS OF FAITH AND OF CHRISTIAN LIVING WHICH YOU HAVE COME TO STRENGTHEN NEAR THE TOMB OF THE APOSTLE PETER.

"MAY YOU BE ABLE TO KEEP LONG IN YOUR HEARTS THAT ESPECIAL JOY WHICH YOU EXPERIENCE TODAY, ENTERING THE HOUSE OF THE FATHER OF ALL, IN BELONGING TO THE GREAT UNIVERSAL FAMILY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

"TO THIS END WE GIVE YOU OVERFLOWINGLY OUR APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION."

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