



The Holy See

PASTORAL VISIT TO THE PARISH
OF ST. FELICITY AND HER CHILDREN, MARTYRS

***GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
TO THE FAITHFUL BEFORE THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION***

Fifth Sunday of Lent, 25 March 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this spring Sunday - even if the weather is not very fine - I warmly greet you all, starting with the Cardinal Vicar, the Auxiliary Bishops and the Parish Priest. But I greet you above all, who are the living parish, the "living stones" of the Church.

Today is the day of the Annunciation of Mary, the day when we remember that Mary with her "yes" opened Heaven so that God is now one of us. She invites us also to say our "yes" to God, to let him enter our lives.

You have this beautiful parish church, a visible sign that God dwells beside us. But it is always important to build the living Church. And with your faith, your commitment, day after day, you build the living Church which then also gives life to the building.

Thank you for your commitment! Let us hope that the Lord will give you a good Sunday!

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