



# The Holy See

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***FIRST GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI  
TO THE COMMUNITY OF CASTEL GANDOLFO***

*Pontifical Palace, Castel Gandolfo  
Thursday, 7 July 2011*

Dear friends, I wish you all a good evening! I came here to begin my vacation and here I find everything: mountains, the lake, and even the sea; a beautiful church with a renewed façade and good people. For these reasons, I am happy to be here. Let us hope that the Lord will give us a good vacation. I impart my blessing to all of you, with all my heart.

Good evening and thank you.