



The Holy See

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TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
MEXICO AND THE BAHAMAS

MEETING WITH THE MEXICAN FAITHFUL

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

Friday, 26 January 1979

Beloved Sons,

After receiving the welcoming greeting of Cardinal José Salazar and Archbishop Ernesto Corripio of this city, I have just finished the celebration of my first Mass on Mexican land, offered in this Metropolitan Cathedral.

I am very pleased to meet you here, and I greet one and all, priests, men and women religious, seminarians, adult persons, parents. But let my particularly cordial greeting go to the young, to the children, to the old and the sick.

Be assured that the Pope prayed at the Mass for all your intentions, asking the Lord to lead you by the path of moral rectitude and love of Christ and of the Church, to give you his consolation if you have any reason for sadness or sorrow, and to grant that you may live your Christian life authentically.

Above all, during these days when we will be close, you, too, pray for the Pope and for the Church. And we beseech the Virgin of Guadalupe fervently to help us on our way and to be our guide to her Son and our Brother, Jesus.

With great affection, the Pope gives his blessing to you all.

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