



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF
THE P&O FLAGSHIP «CANBERRA»**

Friday, 2 April 1982

Dear friends in Christ,

I am happy to welcome to the Vatican members of the crew of the P&O Flagship "Canberra".

I have been told that your visit to Rome is for a very brief time. You have only one day to visit this city which is so rich in tradition and steeped in history. It has been your wish to include in your day a visit to the Basilica of Saint Peter and an audience with the Pope. This pleases me very much. For it shows that you come not only as tourists but as pilgrims of faith as well. You want to venerate the great Saints who have lived and died in Rome and you wish to strengthen your own faith in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

My prayer is that your pilgrimage will enrich your lives and deepen your love for the Lord. To all of you and your loved ones I impart my Apostolic Blessing.

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