



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURAL LONDON-ROME
FLIGHT OF AIR EUROPE**

*Consistory Hall
Saturday, 17 June 1989*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased that the inaugural London-Rome flight of Air Europe has made possible your visit today with the Pope. I wish to greet each of you most cordially on this special occasion.

The relative ease of modern travel and communication opens up new possibilities for greater understanding and collaboration among people of different nations and cultures. Europe, in particular, is experiencing a renewed sense of unity in diversity on many levels. Your presence here today is a sign of the increasing exchange of ideas as a result of tourism, business, and cultural and academic activities.

With you I offer a special prayer today for all travellers, that their journeys may be safe and happy, and I invoke upon all of you your loved ones an abundance of divine blessings.

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