



The Holy See

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY

OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

TO LEBANON (MAY 10-11, 1997) MEETING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE **GREETING OF POPE JOHN PAUL II**

FROM THE BALCONY OF THE BASILICA "NOTRE DAME HARISSA"

Saturday, 10 May 1997

So, what a *Belo Horizonte*! Do you know what *Belo Horizonte* means? You know too much! Ah! It is located in Brazil. It was in Brazil in 1980 that I visited that country for the first time and met the young people in the city called Belo Horizonte. When I looked at them, as I am looking at you now, I said: what a Belo Horizonte! Seventeen years have passed and today I remember that moment and repeat: What a Belo Horizonte! The day of Pentecost: you must celebrate that "happy birthday", that day, that Sunday. But today's programme is scheduled to take place indoors, so I think we will endure the heat inside, or else we will come back here.