



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY "DAS WERK"**

Saturday, 10 November 2001

Dear Sisters and Brothers of The Spiritual Family The Work,

I welcome you with great joy to this audience and I am happy to meet the new family of consecrated life. At the beginning of a new century you are facing a great challenge: our contemporaries are seeking men and women who can show them Jesus Christ. Through your lofty ideals and your youthful enthusiasm, you would like to be "an index finger" pointing to Jesus. For that you have my appreciation.

Your young community can certainly be very useful for the old continent of Europe, so that our contemporaries may listen to convinced Christians who let themselves be involved in and sent out by God. The foundress of your spiritual family, Mother Julia, leaves you a beautiful thought: "Ever since Jesus Christ founded his Church, everything has been founded. He only needs people who live this foundation deeply".

So that you may generously fulfil your mission for the glory of God and the salvation of humanity, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to you.