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***ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II  
TO THE ITALIAN MILITARY AIR FORCE  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LORETO***

*Wednesday, 10 December 2003*

*Dear Officials and Pilots of the Italian Military Air Force,*

Welcome! I cordially greet you all, starting with Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco, Military Ordinary and Staff Head of your Force.

The feast of your heavenly Patroness offers me the opportunity to invite you to turn your gaze continually to Our Lady of Loreto. May she be your constant model and the safe guide of your lives. Call upon her with trust in every situation: she will be your support, comfort and hope.

I welcome this occasion to give best wishes for a Holy Christmas to you and to your families.

I impart my Blessing upon you all!