



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO MRS DORA BAKOYIANNIS
MAYOR OF ATHENS (GREECE)***

Saturday, 15 May 2004

I am pleased to receive you, Madam Mayor, and welcome you and the delegation you have brought with you.

I express the hope that the forthcoming celebration of the Olympic Games in your city will be a demonstration of brotherhood for all the participants, and a message of peace and "encounter" for the public of spectators watching all over the world. In this spirit, I invoke upon you and all of the organizers of this event divine Blessings.