



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO H.E. MR RICARDO MADURO
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS***

Monday, 17 May 2004

Mr President, I receive you with great joy and offer you a most cordial welcome. I am grateful for your visit and express my best wishes to you, for yourself and for your lofty mission at the service of the Honduran People. On this occasion, I would like to tell you once again of my affection for the inhabitants of your Country, whom I always remember in my prayers; I ask God to bless each one of them, the families and the various social groups, so that they may have a peaceful present and a future full of hope, building a society based on justice, peace, brotherhood and solidarity, thereby fostering the integral progress of one and all, especially the most underprivileged. I invoke upon Your Excellency, your collaborators in the Government and especially upon all the Catholic People of Honduras, every type of Blessing from our provident and merciful Lord, through the Most Holy Virgin of Suyapa who is so widely venerated in this beloved Nation.

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