



# The Holy See

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*ADDRESS OF PAUL VI  
TO THE FIRST AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ  
TO THE HOLY SEE\**

*Monday, 19 December 1966*

*Mister Ambassador,*

Grateful for the kind words of your address, We willingly accept the Credential Letters by which Your Excellency is accredited to this Holy See as the first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq.

The brotherly and affectionate relations to which you refer will be strengthened by these new diplomatic bonds, and We are confident that Your Excellency will meet with full success in your mission on behalf of the Government and people of Iraq.

In this regard, We assure you that We shall always be open and available to Your Excellency, whenever it is necessary for the continuance of understanding and good will, and whenever We can be of assistance to you in the fulfilment of your important duties.

To His Excellency the President and to the Government of Iraq We wish to send, through your good offices, Our warmest greetings and good wishes, praying that their efforts for the establishment of peace, founded upon justice and love for all men, may be crowned with lasting success.

Upon all the beloved Iraqi people, as an assurance of Our affection and good will, We prayerfully invoke the richest and most abundant blessings of Almighty God.

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\*AAS 59 (1967), p.45.

*Insegnamenti di Paolo VI*, vol. IV p.630.

*L' Ossercatore Romano* 19-20.12.1966, p.1.

*L'Attività della Santa Sede* 1966, p. 802.

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