



## The Holy See

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***GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI  
TO THE MILITARY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
OF LORENZAGO DI CADORE  
DURING THE FAREWELL CEREMONY FROM THE COMMUNITY***

Lorenzago di Cadore (Italy)

Thursday, 26 July 2007

At the end of these two weeks spent in the beautiful Dolomites, I can only say thank you from my heart to each and every one of you for your service and commitment.

Your silent, discrete and competent presence, day and night, has given me the space for a time of unforgettable rest, rest for the body and soul.

In the Book of Psalms we read: "Your goodness, Lord, surrounds me like everlasting mountains". And we are surrounded by this visible, divine goodness in the beauty of the mountain.

But during all this time I have above all been surrounded by human goodness, by your goodness, which has always accompanied me. For me, you have really been invisible "guardian angels", silent but ever present, ready; and in my memory remains the memory of your presence in these days.

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