



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
TO MEMBERS OF THE "TOGETHER FOR PEACE FOUNDATION"**

*Consistory Hall
Monday, 4 December 1995*

*Your Eminences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am pleased to welcome the participants in the 1995 awards ceremony organized by the *Together for Peace Foundation*.

Among the goals of your Foundation is the advancement of peace, solidarity and justice among peoples and nations. In a special way you seek to improve the social conditions of women and children, all too often the first victims of conflict, violence and underdevelopment. Wherever we look in the world there are situations of human need and suffering which can only be relieved through the good will of those in more fortunate circumstances. A civilization truly worthy of the human person can only be built on the foundations of freedom "lived in self-giving solidarity and responsibility" (John Paul II, *Address for the Fiftieth General Assembly of the United Nations Organization*, 18 [5 Oct. 1995]). In the end, personal commitment and efforts.

Upon all of you, your families and your countries of origin, I invoke the abundant blessings of Almighty God.

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