



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
TO THE MIXED COMMITTEE FOR THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND
THE ASSYRIAN CHURCH OF THE EAST**

Friday, 24 November 1995

*Your Excellencies,
Dear Brothers in Christ,*

I am happy to have this occasion to meet the *Mixed Committee for Theological Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Assyrian Church of the East*. A year after the signing of the Christological Declaration between our two Churches, you are meeting to reflect on important themes of mutual interest, in this case the Sacraments and particularly the Eucharist.

I wish to extend a special welcome to the Assyrian delegates of your Committee, asking you kindly to convey to His Holiness Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV, as well as to the other members of the Holy Synod and to the priests, my prayerful regards and warmest wishes for the delicate pastoral mission which you fulfill to the Assyrian faithful dispersed throughout the world.

May the Holy Spirit guide your discussions during these days so that the work of your Committee will effectively help to hasten the day when we will be able to celebrate the Eucharist together. May God strengthen you in the service of the Church's unity of faith and communion of life.

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