



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO H.E. MR ABEL PACHECO DE LA ESPRIELLA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA****

Monday, 5 April 2004

Mr President, I am pleased to receive you on this visit which you have desired to pay me, renewing the expression of the Costa Ricans' affection and esteem for the Pope. I am delighted with the collaboration that exists between the Church and the Authorities of your Country, which is constantly in my mind since I had the opportunity to visit it. I warmly hope that the People may continue to develop on the firm basis of a just society that is supportive, responsible and peaceful. I am grateful to you for coming here, Mr President, and I renew my good wishes for the spiritual and material progress of your people and for its coexistence in harmony and freedom. At the same time, I ask the Most High, through the motherly intercession of Our Lady of the Angels, to pour plentiful Blessings upon the beloved sons and daughters of Costa Rica, to whom I impart a heartfelt Apostolic

Blessing.

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