



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE
FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ROUEN (FRANCE)**

Saturday, 24 April 2004

Dear Young People,

I am pleased to welcome you this morning at this special Audience. I greet the Diocesan Administrator, Fr Christian Nourrichard.

You have come to Rome to live a week of retreat and fraternity. I pray especially for those who will be receiving their Confirmation on Monday. I invite you all to make this pilgrimage a time of spiritual growth, thus enabling you to discern the will of the Lord, who wants to help you lead a life of beauty; your interior life will receive fresh inspiration. Do not be afraid to open your heart and allow Christ to speak to you. Learn to take time regularly for prayer and for Gospel meditation.

As I entrust each of you to the Virgin Mary, I encourage you to continue your search as Church, and I wholeheartedly impart my Apostolic Blessing to you and to the priests, seminarians, Religious and the lay persons accompanying you.