



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI
TO THE BUDDHIST RELIGIOUS LEADERS**

Saturday 26 June 1964

Gentlemen,

We are happy to receive your visit, and We thank you for your kindness in coming to greet Us.

Your Buddhist Goodwill Mission is inspired by the desire of furthering good will between the various religions, and of peace and well-being of the different races and peoples; and these are purposes with which We are in complete accord. Our prayer, like that of Our beloved Predecessor Pope John in his dying moments, is the prayer of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper: That all may be one . . . perfected in unity . . . that the world may know that thou, God the Father, hast loved them (*Io. 17, 20 ss.*).

We wish you a pleasant journey, and a safe return to your homes; and upon you and your families and loved ones, We invoke the richest and most abundant blessings of heaven.