



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI
TO THE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS
OF THE PRO DEO UNIVERSITY**

Saturday, 16 October 1965

We extend a very special welcome to the Representatives of the Chief Executives Forum, meeting for the first time in Rome.

We praise the purposes of your group, which are to subordinate the private good to the common good, and to become better directors and citizens with a sense of responsibility towards the social community.

You have discussed social and civic responsibilities of free enterprise, together with the professors and students of the *Pro Deo* University. We are happy that you have thus illustrated one of the great themes of the Encyclical *Mater et Magistra* of Our Predecessor Pope John the Twenty-third; and have thereby considered the duty, of which We spoke in Our discourse to the United Nations on the fourth of this month, namely, to assure to every human being a standard of living which satisfies the demands of his dignity and integrity.

We therefore gladly invoke upon you, your studies, your directors and assistants, copious divine graces and heavenly favours.