



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI
TO THE NEW AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
TO THE HOLY SEE***

Monday, 7 July 1969

Mister Ambassador,

Thank you very much indeed for the kind greetings you bring Us from the President and the Government and people of the Republic of Zambia. We extend to Your Excellency a sincere personal welcome as third Ambassador of your country to this Holy See.

We have listened to your message with great interest, and We very deeply appreciate the sentiments you have expressed.

We too feel great sorrow at the conflicts which are taking place in the world to-day, and We grieve at the unnecessary sufferings of so many human beings-many of them innocent of any participation in the wars around them.

Your Excellency knows of Our profound and sincere desire for peace, and of the untiring ceaseless efforts We are making to that end.

Our humanism also confirms the human dignity of man, and gives Christian values to life. This gives Us great opportunity for collaboration with your country. The presence, of the Church in Zambia can be a really effective force for the attainment of human values. We only ask for trust and goodwill, and the facilities for collaboration with your country in free and honest work for the good of your great people.

We recall with great satisfaction the meetings with your very esteemed President, His Excellency Doctor Kaunda, here and at Geneva. We ask Your Excellency to convey to your President Our

greetings and sincere good wishes; and for him, his Government and his beloved people, We offer Our prayers for the richest heavenly graces and favours.

We wish Your Excellency every success in your important work, and We assure you of Our firm desire for the closest collaboration.

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