



# The Holy See

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**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI  
TO A GROUP OF PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS FROM NORWAY**

*Saturday, 28 June 1969*

*Dear friends,*

We offer our heartfelt thanks to your spokesman for his kind words and for the gift which he has presented to Us in your name.

The joy We feel at this all too rare opportunity of meeting so distinguished a group of professors and students from Norway is increased by the eloquence with which voice has been given to your conviction of the important place this city of Rome holds, not only in past history, but also in present-day life.

The influence of Rome, the civil capital of a mighty empire, is still immense. But, as your spokesman has said, Christians look to this city also as to their religious capital, in spite of their sad disagreements and misunderstandings.

We take pleasure in noting that your visit to Us is on the eve of the celebration of the two great apostles who laid the foundations of the Church of Christ at Rome. In your studies you will see how their heritage has left a deep imprint on the Eternal City, penetrating its history, inspiring its art, and shaping its culture.

May your stay in Rome enrich your minds and your spirits. And, while repeating how moved We are at this visit which you have paid Us, We invoke on you, on your families, your studies, your university and your' country, God's blessings in rich abundance.

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