



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PUBLICATION
OF THE FIRST EDITION OF "L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO"
IN THE MALAYALAM LANGUAGE**

Wednesday, 25 June 2008

Dear Friends,

The publication of this first edition of *L'Osservatore Romano* in the Malayalam language is a highly significant event in the life of the Church in India, since it will keep the over six million Catholics in Kerala State fully informed about the ministry of the Pope and the work of the Holy See and strengthen the bonds of faith and ecclesial communion linking the Catholic community to the See of Peter. I willingly take this occasion to offer my prayerful good wishes for this important undertaking, together with my heartfelt thanks to the directors of the Carmel International Publishing House and to all those who in any way have contributed to its realization.

It is my hope that this new translation of the English edition, which now takes its place alongside the other language editions of *L'Osservatore Romano*, will prove a valuable source of instruction and enrichment in the faith, an incentive to ever greater fraternity and cooperation within Kerala's richly diverse Catholic community, and an indispensable aid to the continuing work of evangelization.

To you and your families I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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