



The Holy See

JOHN PAUL II

ANGELUS

Fourth Sunday of Lent, 21 March 2004

Before concluding this solemn celebration, I would like to address a heartfelt greeting to all of you, dear brothers and sisters, who have paid homage to the new Blessed by your devout participation.

To Spanish-speaking faithful

I greet with affection the Spanish-speaking Cardinals, Bishops, priests and faithful, together with the Authorities who have come for the Beatification of Mother Matilde Téllez and Mother Piety of the Cross. I greet especially the Daughters of Mary, Mother of the Church and the Salesian Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May the example and intercession of these new Blessed help us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, making us instruments of his mercy and collaborators with Providence. May they also be an encouragement to remain hopeful, courageous and generous in the face of the sorrow of many families, of the people of Madrid and of the entire Country of Spain following the recent terrorist attacks. Love is stronger than hatred and death!

To Italian-speaking faithful

I greet the pilgrims who have come from different parts of Italy and the religious and civil Authorities who accompany them. A grateful thought goes especially to the Archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, to the priests and faithful of Monza, birthplace of Blessed Luigi Talamoni, and to the "Misericordine" Sisters. I then greet the Carmelite Family, especially the nuns of the Carmel of Ragusa who are celebrating Mother Maria Candida of the Eucharist.

Following the example of the new Blessed, we now turn with trust to the intercession of Our Lady

for the needs of the Church and the entire world.

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