



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
TO A GROUP OF NATIONAL LEADERS OF**

THE "POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS" *Monday, 4 July 1994* Dear Friends, It gives me great pleasure to welcome this group of national leaders of the *Polish American Congress - Charitable Foundation Incorporated*, on the occasion of your visit to Rome. You have just come from Gdansk where you have actively co-operated in equipping a clinic specializing in eye-care. This is one more of the many charitable works which your group has sponsored over the years in a spirit of generous solidarity with the land of your forbears. Naturally, I join my fellow countrymen in expressing deep gratitude for the support and assistance which your association gives to worthy causes and to people in need of special help. I hope that your visit to Rome will offer you an opportunity not only to gaze in admiration at the marvelous monuments and works of art which make this city unique in the world, but also and above all an opportunity to realize in a vivid and personal way the permanence down through the centuries of the witness to Christ given by Saints Peter and Paul. Upon their testimony and their sacrifice the Church of Rome stands steadfast in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this witness speak to your hearts and inspire in you a fresh commitment and new energies for doing good. I send greetings to your families and to all associated with you in the *Polish American Congress*. May God bless you all. ©

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