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**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE "INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES"  
OF SAINT JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM**

*Saturday, 20 November 2004*

*Your Beatitude,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am pleased to welcome to the Vatican the International Board of Trustees of *Saint Joseph's Hospital in Jerusalem*. I take this opportunity to encourage you, and all associated with the work of the Hospital, always to give the best of yourselves in generous service to the sick, with the greatest respect for their human dignity and their unique value in the eyes of God. I appreciate the praiseworthy sense of solidarity and concern for the needs of the Palestinian community which led to the establishment of Saint Joseph's as the only Catholic hospital in Jerusalem. May the Hospital continue to find moral and material support both in the Holy Land and abroad. To you, and to all the benefactors, staff and patients, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.