



# The Holy See

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**PASTORAL VISIT  
OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II  
IN KAZAKHSTAN  
AND APOSTOLIC VOYAGE IN ARMENIA  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 1700 YEARS  
OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE COUNTRY**

*22-27 SEPTEMBER 2001*

## **PROGRAM**

### **ITALY**

*Saturday, 22 September 2001*

08.30 a.m.

**DEPARTURE** by airplane from "Leonardo da Vinci"  
International Airport of Fiumicino (Rome) for Astana.

### **KAZAKHSTAN**

Astana

7.30 p.m.

**ARRIVAL** at the International Airport of Astana.

**WELCOME CEREMONY** at the International Airport of  
Astana. **Speech by the Holy Father (1).**

8.45 p.m.

**VISIT TO THE MONUMENT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE  
TOTALITARIAN REGIME** of Astana.

Sunday, 23 September 2001

- 10.05 a.m. ARRIVAL at the Mother of the Homeland Square of Astana.
- MASS** at the Mother of the Homeland Square of Astana.  
**Homily by the Holy Father (2).**
- 10.30 a.m. PRAYER OF THE ANGELUS DOMINI at the Mother of the Homeland Square of Astana. **Words by the Holy Father (3).**
- ARRIVAL at the Apostolic Nunciature of Astana.
- 2.00 p.m. **MEETING AND LUNCH WITH THE ORDINARIES OF CENTRAL ASIA AND WITH THE CARDINALS AND BISHOPS OF THE PAPAL ENTOURAGE** at the Apostolic Nunciature of Astana. **Speech by the Holy Father (4).**
- ARRIVAL at the Presidential Palace of Astana.
- 5.30 p.m. **COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC** at the Presidential Palace of Astana.
- 6.30 p.m. ARRIVAL at the Eurasia University of Astana.
- 6.45 p.m. YOUTH MEETING in the Aula Magna of the Eurasia University of Astana. **Speech by the Holy Father (5).**
- Monday, 24 September 2001
- 09.45 a.m. ARRIVAL at the Cathedral of the Vergin of Perpetual Help of Astana.
- 10.00 a.m. **MASS WITH PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS** at the Cathedral of the Vergin of Perpetual Help of Astana.  
**Homily by the Holy Father (6).**
- 1.00 p.m. **Private lunch** with the Bishops guests and the Members of the Papal Entourage, in the Bishop's House of Astana.
- ARRIVAL at the Congress Hall of Astana.
- 6.00 p.m. **MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD OF CULTURE, ARTS AND SCIENCE** in the Auditorium of

the Congress Hall of Astana. **Speech by the Holy Father (7).**

Tuesday, 25 September 2001

- 07.30 a.m. **Holy Mass in private** in the Chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature of Astana.
- 09.45 a.m. **Farewell from the Apostolic Nunciature** of Astana.
- ARRIVAL at the International Airport of Astana.
- 10.30 a.m. **FAREWELL CEREMONY** at the International Airport of Astana. **Greetings by the Holy Father (8).**
- 11.00 a.m. DEPARTURE by airplane from the International Airport of Astana for Yerevan.

## ARMENIA

Yerevan

- 1.00 p.m. ARRIVAL at Zvartnotz International Airport of Yerevan.
- WELCOME CEREMONY** at Zvartnotz International Airport of Yerevan. **Speech by the Holy Father (9).**

Etchmiadzin

- 2.15 p.m. ARRIVAL at the Apostolic See of Etchmiadzin.
- PRAYER VISIT** at the Apostolic Cathedral of Etchmiadzin. **Greetings by the Holy Father (10).**
- OFFICIAL MEETING WITH THE SUPREME PATRIARCH AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II** in the Great Hall of the Apostolic Palace of Etchmiadzin.
- 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 26 September 2001

- 07.30 a.m. **Holy Mass in private** in the Chapel of the Apostolic Palace of Etchmiadzin.
- Yerevan
- 10.30 a.m. ARRIVAL at the Presidential Palace of Yerevan.
- COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC** in the Golden Room of the Presidential Palace of Yerevan.
- 11.30 a.m. ARRIVAL at the Memorial of Tzitzernagaberd at Yerevan.
- VISIT TO THE MEMORIAL OF TZITZERNAGABERD** at Yerevan.
- Etchmiadzin
- 12.45 a.m. ARRIVAL at the Apostolic See of Etchmiadzin
- 1.00 p.m. **OFFICIAL LUNCH WITH THE SUPREME PATRIARCH AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II, WITH ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND WITH THE CARDINALS AND BISHOPS OF THE PAPAL ENTOURAGE** in the Apostolic Palace of Etchmiadzin.
- Yerevan
- 6.30 p.m. ARRIVAL at the new Apostolic Cathedral of St. Gregory the Illuminator of Yerevan.
- ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION** in the new Apostolic Cathedral of St. Gregory the Illuminator of Yerevan.
- Speech by the Holy Father (11).**

*Thursday, 27 September 2001*

Etchmiadzin

- 09.15 a.m. ARRIVAL at the Sacristy near the external Grand Altar of Etchmiadzin.
- 09.30 a.m. **HOLY MASS** in Latin rite, at the external Grand Altar of Etchmiadzin. **Homily by the Holy Father (12).**
- Yerevan
- 12.30 a.m. ARRIVAL at the Armenian Catholic Center of Kanaker at Yerevan.  
**OFFICIAL LUNCH** in the Armenian Catholic Center of Kanaker at Yerevan.
- Etchmiadzin
- 4.30 p.m. **FAREWELL FROM THE APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ETCHMIADZIN.**
- Khor Virab
- ARRIVAL at the Monastery of Khor Virab.
- 5.30 p.m.
- VISIT AT THE MONASTERY OF KHOR VIRAB.**
- Yerevan
- 6.45 p.m. ARRIVAL at Zvartnotz International Airport of Yerevan.  
**FAREWELL CEREMONY** at Zvartnotz International Airport of Yerevan. **Greetings by the Holy Father (13).**
- 7.30 p.m. DEPARTURE by airplane from Zvartnotz International Airport di Yerevan for Rome.

**ITALY**

Ciampino (Rome)

8.45 p.m.

ARRIVAL at the Airport of Ciampino (Rome).

Time lag

Rome: + 2 UTC

Kazakhstan: + 7 UTC

Armenia: + 5 UTC