



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI
TO THE NEW AMBASSADOR OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA TO THE HOLY SEE***

Thursday, 20 June 1968

Mister Ambassador,

We are most grateful for the greetings which you bring Us from the President and people of the Republic of Zambia, and it is with cordial pleasure that We welcome Your Excellency as the second Ambassador of your country to this Holy See.

Your thoughtful words regarding the contribution of the Church to your people are warmly appreciated. Zambia may rest assured that her Catholic citizens will ever be loyal and law-observing, striving in every way to advance the interests of their fatherland, and to obtain for her peace and prosperity.

The message of Christianity concerns the equality and brotherhood of men, and their duty to love and assist one another by reason of their love for God the Creator and Redeemer of the human race. The higher spiritual values which it teaches are indispensable for the full development of the potentialities of man, and for his progress towards a world united in peaceful progress.

We ask Your Excellency to present Our cordial salutation and Our prayerful good wishes to His Excellency Doctor Kaunda, whom We have had the honour of receiving in Audience; to the Government and the beloved people of Zambia, upon all of whom We invoke richest graces and favours from God. To Your Excellency We wish every success in your important mission, assuring you of Our interest, Our collaboration and Our high esteem.

*AAS 60 (1968), p.394-395.

Insegnamenti di Paolo VI, vol. VI p. 253.

L'Attività della Santa Sede 1968, p.535-536.

L'Osservatore Romano, 21.6.1968, p.1.

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