



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PILGRIMAGE PARTY
OF AUSTRALIAN WAR VETERANS**

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To you, members of the pilgrimage party of Australian War Veterans, We extend a cordial welcome. We thank you for paying Us a visit, during your mission of remembrance of the fallen, and of prayer for peace.

“Peace cannot be obtained on earth unless personal values are safeguarded, and men freely and trustingly share with one another the riches of their inner spirits and talents. A firm determination to respect other men and other peoples, and their dignity, as well as the studied practice of brotherhood, are absolutely necessary for the establishment of peace. Hence, peace is likewise the fruit of love, which goes beyond what justice can provide . . . All Christians are urgently summoned to practice the truth in love, and to join with all true peacemakers in pleading for peace, and bringing it about” (*Gaudium et spes*, No. 78).

We wish every success to your mission for international concord, and invoke upon you, your families and loved ones in Australia, and your beloved country, richest heavenly blessings.