



The Holy See

***GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
AT THE ARRIVAL IN CASTEL GANDOLFO***

Thursday, 28 July 2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have just returned from the Aosta Valley where I spent two beautiful weeks in the mountains; now, though, I am happy to be with you, here in the *Castello dei Papi*.

I will be your fellow citizen for a little over a month, and it is a joy for me to be in this lovely little town, to live with you and to see all of the beauty situated on the outskirts of ancient Rome.

Thank you for your affection and your friendship. I impart to you my Apostolic Blessing.

After his Blessing, the Holy Father added:

Thank you for your welcome. We shall be seeing one another often. Thank you and goodbye!

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