



The Holy See

FAREWELL FROM THE ITALIAN TOWN OF BRESSANONE

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

Major Seminary of Bressanone

Monday, 11 August 2008

Dear Friends, Mr Mayor, Dear Citizens of Bressanone,

To which I now belong as an honorary citizen! All good things come to an end and so, unfortunately, has my holiday in Bressanone. But I can tell you: it was absolutely wonderful! And even if these days are in fact over, a treasure of memories endures which I am taking with me and through which I will be able to continue to be with you. And most of all I wish to remain with you by way of the bridge of prayer. Thus we will be united and thanks to the Lord we will be in touch and together rejoice and seek to do what is right for today and for the future.

Dear friends, thank you for everything! These days are over, but I am taking a treasure of memories with me; we will always be united, above all by the bridge of prayer. My very best wishes to you all, may the Lord bless you always!

I warmly impart to all of you the Blessing of the Lord, and may my prayers go with you. I can conclude with the Blessing:

Sit nomen Domini benedictum!...

Thank you very much! Auf Wiedersehen! Arrivederci!

