



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO THE STUDENTS OF THE BOSSEY GRADUATE SCHOOL**

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*Dear directors, students and collaborators
of the Bossey Graduate School,*

Welcome to Rome! It is my joy to receive you here and to greet you in the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the last five months you have been reflecting on God's loving design in Christ. You are keenly aware that a fundamental concern of the Church is that life in the world should conform more to man's surpassing dignity in all its aspects so as to make that life ever more human.

It is precisely in order to achieve this that the Church is at once a sign and a safeguard of the transcendence of the human person. May this strong conviction be the motive you take back with you to your own lands, where you will be called to affirm the humanity made in God's likeness and wonderfully remade in Christ.

I hope that your stay in Rome is a happy time. May it enrich you in spirit too. As you stand in the places to which Peter and Paul came, may you grow in your appreciation of the beginnings of the Christian Faith in this place and their significance for the world.

My prayers and thoughts go with you in the years ahead as you serve our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you, your families and loved ones and the countries to which you now return.

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