



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ICELAND POLYPHONIC CHOIR
AND THE CAMERA ORCHESTRA OF REYKJAVIK**

Friday, 5 July 1985

Dear Friends from Iceland,

I am truly happy to have this occasion to welcome you, members of the Iceland Polyphonic Choir and the Camera Orchestra of Reykjavik, to the Vatican.

Your art is a medium which undoubtedly enhances your sensitivity to the most noble human values and sentiments. I am sure, therefore, that your visit to Rome and your contact with the many cultural riches of this City constitute for each one of you a moment of particular joy and an experience that will further strengthen your resolve to place your talents at the service of your fellow human beings.

Many of your performances have a profoundly religious significance. I pray that in all of this you will raise your hearts to the contemplation of the fatherhood of God, whose Providence guides our lives and blesses our endeavours. May the peace of Christ sustain you.

I ask you to take my cordial greetings to each member of your families and to all your fellow citizens. I assure you that Iceland occupies a special place in my affection and prayers.

My God bless you all abundantly!

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