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APOSTOLIC JOURNEY

OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE EIGHTH WORLD YOUTH DAY

(AUGUST 8-16, 1993) **VISIT TO THE REGIS UNIVERSITY OF DENVER** **GREETING OF THE HOLY FATHER JOHN PAUL II**

**TO MR BILL CLINTON**

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** *International Airport of Denver*

*Thursday, 12 August 1993 Mr. President,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,* I am pleased Mr. President, that we have had this opportunity to talk together about some of the principal concerns of the world situation at this moment. The inalienable dignity of every human being and the rights which flow from that dignity – in the first place, the right to life, and the defense of life – as well as the well-being and full human development of individuals and peoples, are at the heart of the Church's message and action in the world. Essentially, these are the themes on which the Church seeks a sincere and constructive dialogue with the leaders of the world's nations and the representatives of the international community. I look forward to further contacts in the future, in the same spirit of mutual understanding and esteem which has always characterized relations between the United States and the Holy See. I take this opportunity to thank you once more for welcoming me to the United States. I assure you that I pray each day for the leaders of Government, that they may be wise and far-seeing servants of the common good, and that their decisions and actions may bring justice and peace to the world. Thank you.

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