



The Holy See

**REMARKS OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE JOHN PAUL II
AFTER RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

Saturday, 5 April 1997

At the end of this time of prayer, I thank all of you who have taken part and extend my thoughts to those who have joined us by radio and television.

We are in the Octave of Easter, and in this joyful atmosphere we have meditated with Mary most holy on the mysteries of Christ's glory and on her glorification as his Mother and ours. May the light of the Risen One be radiant in the hearts of all men and spread the peace that he alone can give.

God willing, in a week's time I will be in Sarajevo for my long-awaited meeting with the people of that city, which has become as it were a symbol of our century, marked by tragic conflicts and open to prospects of renewed hope. I am sure that you will accompany me with your prayer and I am indeed grateful for it.

Among the pilgrims present this evening, I address particular greetings to the faithful from the parish of St Nicholas of Bari in Ascrea, the Diocese of Rieti.

May the Blessed Virgin obtain for everyone the Easter gifts of love, joy and peace.

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