



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO H. E. MR ABDOULAYE WADE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL***

Thursday, 13 May 2004

Mr President,

I am pleased to receive Your Excellency and to offer a cordial welcome to you and to the entire delegation that has accompanied you.

I express to you my fervent good wishes for you yourself and for the accomplishment of your important mission, as I cherish happy memories of my Apostolic Visit to Senegal. I ask the Most High to support the efforts of all who are involved in building a society based on justice and peace, with respect for the religious values and traditions that are proper to each one and will contribute to national unity, as well as to preserving harmony and furthering brotherly relations among all the members of society.

I implore from the Almighty an abundance of Blessings upon you, Your Excellency, upon your family, and upon the people of Senegal and their leaders.

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