



The Holy See

JOURNEY TO INDIA

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI
TO THE STUDENTS
OF THE "DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL"**

Friday, 4 December 1964

My dear Students,

I have the greatest joy in being able to see you and meet you. As the Holy Father, I love every human being, every adopted son of God; but above all I love youth. You are the hope of the future; you are young, strong, full of life and energy and ambition. Be sure that I follow your plans and your progress with fatherly interest, and that I wish you every happiness and success.

One thought I would leave with you today. Always try to know Jesus and to know Him better. Study His life, His deeds and His words, so that you may the better copy His example and follow Him, for He is «the Way, the Truth and the Life». Try to compare Our Lord's teachings with your own experiences in life, and then make your actions and thoughts similar to His; have the same mind in you that was in Christ Jesus. Our purpose in life, as you know, is to know, love and serve God on earth, so as to be happy with Him forever in heaven. Work, then, ever to know Jesus better, and you will not fail to love and serve Him faithfully and well.

With this recommendation, I promise you that I will pray for you all; and I ask you also to say a prayer for me. As a mark of my love, I gladly bestow upon you all, upon families, your teachers, and all those you bear in your hearts, my affectionate Apostolic Blessing.

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