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JOURNEY TO INDIA

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI  
TO THE ALTAR BOYS  
DURING THE MASS CELEBRATED  
IN THE CATHEDRAL OF BOMBAY**

*Saturday, 5 December 1964*

*My dear children,*

I am very happy to meet you all, especially the altar boys, and to tell you how much I love you, how often I pray for you, and how proud I am to be your Holy Father.

I have come from Rome to join you in adoring and loving Our blessed Lord in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Always have a warm and deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Visit Our Lord as often as you can. Receive Him frequently in Holy Communion. Ask Him to make you good, to make you holy, to make you ever more and more like Himself.

You altar boys are the closest ones to Jesus in the Tabernacle, when you serve the priest at Holy Mass. You must therefore be especially pure and good. I would ask you, and all the other boys and girls, to think seriously whether Our Lord is calling you to serve him by means of a vocation. Pray to Jesus to send many good workers into His harvest of souls, to bring men and women to know, love and serve Him here on earth, and to be happy with Him for ever in Heaven.

I am going to give you all my blessing. I will ask Our Lord to grant you His richest graces, and to bless also your dear parents, your brothers and sisters, your priests, teachers and all those you love.

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