



# The Holy See

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**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI  
TO THE NEW AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
TO THE HOLY SEE\***

*Tuesday, 18 January 1966*

*Mister Ambassador,*

We thank you cordially for Your Excellency's kind words, and for the greetings you convey to Us from the President and people of the Republic of Kenya.

Kindly convey to them Our prayerful wishes for progress, prosperity and happiness.

The Church appreciates the liberty she enjoys in Kenya, and hopes to continue to experience the sympathy and support of the civil authorities in her efforts to contribute towards the moral, religious, social and educational well-being of the Nation. The Catholics of Kenya will ever prove to be loyal and law-abiding citizens, eager to give full support to all programmes intended for the advancement of their fatherland.

We assure Your Excellency of Our desire to cooperate with you in reinforcing the ties of friendship and loyal collaboration between this Holy See and the Republic of Kenya; and We promise you Our understanding and benevolent assistance in the fulfilment of your high mission.

Through your good offices, We send sincere greetings to His Excellency the President of the Republic; to him, to Your Excellency, and to the beloved people of Kenya, We offer Our deferential salutation, and We invoke upon all richest divine graces and favours.

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\*AAS 58 (1966), p. 151;

*Insegnamenti di Paolo VI*, vol. IV p. 31,

OR 19.1.1966, p.1;

*L'Attività della Santa Sede 1966*, p. 37-38.

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