



The Holy See

JOHN PAUL II

ANGELUS

Monday, 26 December 1978

Yes, I have understood, you want to pray with the Pope and we will pray, although the recitation of the Angelus together was not on the programme for today. *After the recitation of the "Angelus", the Holy Father, moved at this unexpected presence, wished to speak again.* I rejoice with you and I wonder why you have come. Perhaps you came to see if the Pope is at home on the second day of Christmas. And then, I think you have come because today is really a beautiful day and attracts one outside. But the Pope has to stay at home because he never knows when people are coming to recite the "Angelus". Then I think you have come because you know that the Pope needs your prayers and needs above all to pray with you. I thank you for this and for this unexpected but certainly all the more welcome and precious presence of yours. I want to wish everyone a Happy Christmas again. Especially the young. *Having finished speaking, the Holy Father, hearing the acclamations increase continually began to speak again and, among other things, said:* I do not understand what you are saying. You do not have microphones. But I understand that you love the Pope. Thank you and a Merry Christmas to all of you again. Blessed be the name of the Lord. © Copyright 1978 - Libreria Editrice Vaticana

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