



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO HON. RICHARD B. CHENEY,
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA***

Tuesday, 27 January 2004

Mr Vice President, I am pleased to welcome you and your family to the Vatican and to receive the cordial greetings which you bring from President Bush. The American people have always cherished the fundamental values of freedom, justice and equality. In a world marked by conflict, injustice and division, the human family needs to foster these values in its search for unity, peace and respect for the dignity of all. I encourage you and your fellow-citizens to work, at home and abroad, for the growth of international cooperation and solidarity in the service of that peace which is the deepest aspiration of all men and women. Upon you and all the American people I cordially invoke the abundant blessings of Almighty God.