



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF PAUL VI
TO THE FIRST AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
TO THE HOLY SEE***

Thursday, 30 May 1968

Mister Ambassador,

With warm appreciation of your fruitful activities as Minister of Liberia to this Holy See, We now bid you a heartfelt welcome as your country's first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

We are confident that the excellent relations of cordiality and friendship already existing between this Apostolic See and the Republic of Liberia, due in no small measure to your courteous good offices, will continue and deepen, and to this end We are ever receptive to Your Excellency's representations.

Consoling, too, is the progress of the Church in your land, with the erection of an ecclesiastical province, and the constant expansion of educational, medical and charitable institutions. We are grateful for the freedom guaranteed to the Church in the fulfilment of her mission, and for the generous collaboration so graciously granted by the civil authorities.

We ask Your Excellency kindly to convey to the President of the Republic, to the Government and people of Liberia, Our heartfelt thanks for their greetings, and Our prayerful good wishes for progress, health and prosperity in peace. Upon them, and upon Your Excellency as you initiate your new duties as Ambassador, We cordially invoke God's choicest blessings, favours and graces.

*AAS 60 (1968), p.344.

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