



The Holy See

***LETTER OF JOHN PAUL II
TO CARDINAL ANGELO SODANO
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AN ORDINARY PUBLIC CONSISTORY***

*To Cardinal Angelo Sodano
My Secretary of State*

I had convoked the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops living in Rome for the celebration of an Ordinary Public Consistory, for today, 24 February, in view of the conclusion of the process of the Causes of Canonization of some Blesseds. I have been advised, for the sake of prudence, to follow this event from my apartment via television link-up.

Consequently, I entrust to you, Venerable Cardinal, the duty to preside at this reunion, giving you the authority to conduct in my name the scheduled events. Therefore, I wish to announce that:

- following the favourable opinion that has already been submitted in writing by the Venerable Cardinals throughout the world and by the Archbishops and Bishops who live in Rome, I intend to set Sunday, 23 October 2005, as the date for the Canonization of the following five Blesseds:

Bl. Józef Bilczewski, Bishop;

Bl. Gaetano Catanoso, priest, Founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Veronica, Missionaries of the Holy Face;

Bl. Zygmunt Gorazdowski, priest, Founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph;

Bl. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, priest of the Society of Jesus;

Bl. Felix of Nicosia (in the world: Filippo Giacomo Amoroso), Religious of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin.

- Furthermore, I intend to assign the Presbyteral Title to the Venerable Cardinal Luigi Poggi, to Cardinal Carlo Furno and to Cardinal Gilberto Agustoni. Cardinal Luigi Poggi will be assigned the Presbyteral Title of St Lawrence in Lucina; in keeping with the wishes of the other two Venerable Cardinals, the Diaconate held by them until now will be raised "pro hac vice" to the Presbyteral Title: to Venerable Cardinal Carlo Furno, the Title of Sacred Heart of Christ the King; to Venerable Cardinal Gilberto Agustoni, the Title of Sts Urban and Lawrence in Prima Porta.

- In closing, I confirm the new Cardinal Protodeacon in the person of Venerable Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estévez.

United in prayer to the participants in the Ordinary Public Consistory, I ask you, Venerable Cardinal, to preside at the celebration of the Hour of Sext, as I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to all.

From the Vatican Apostolic Palace, 24 February 2005.

JOHN PAUL II

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