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TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
MEXICO AND THE BAHAMAS

**MEETING WITH THE PATIENTS
OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN MEXICO CITY**

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

Monday, 29 January 1979

Beloved Children,

On coming to spend these moments in your midst, I wish to greet the directors of the Centre, all the sick boys and girls in this Children's Hospital, and all the children who are suffering in their homes, in any part of Mexico.

Sickness prevents you from playing with your friends; so another friend, the Pope, who thinks of you so often and prays for you, has desired to come and see you.

I also greet your parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and all those who are concerned about your health and care for you with such attention and affection.

I now call on you to recite a Hail Mary to the Virgin of Guadalupe for you, who meet pain and sickness so early in your lives.

Beloved children, the Pope will continue to remember you and he takes with him your smiling greeting with open arms, leaving you his embrace and his Blessing.

