



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT**

*Castel Gandolfo
Monday, 25 September 1989*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to meet with you, distinguished members of the British Parliament, and to welcome you and your spouses to Castel Gandolfo. I offer you my best wishes for the success of your important work as members of the *British-Italian Parliamentary Group*.

The promotion of a beneficial cooperation among peoples is an urgent task in a world that increasingly senses the interdependence of all nations. Within the international community, the Holy See has consistently sought to foster this cooperation. Its activity is based upon the conviction that social, political and economic solidarity among peoples is a requirement which springs from the moral order itself. The unity of the human race demands that all its members collaborate in the construction of a social order which safeguards peace, defends justice and respects human dignity.

As members of the British-Italian Parliamentary Group, you are particularly conscious of the importance of sound and responsible international cooperation. May your efforts towards attainment of this goal contribute to greater understanding, respect and collaboration in those sectors of society with which you are concerned. In assuring you of my prayers for the work of your Group, I invoke upon all of you the blessings and peace of Almighty God.

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