



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE GREGORIAN FOUNDATION**

*Hall of the Throne
Tuesday, 5 May 1992*

Dear Friends,

I am happy today to greet the members of the Board of *Directors of the Gregorian Foundation*. It is my hope that your visit in Rome, to which Saints Peter and Paul brought the Gospel of Christ and which has been built up in the faith by so many other holy men and women down the ages, will be for you a time of spiritual renewal.

Your efforts on behalf of the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Pontifical Oriental Institute greatly assist these ecclesiastical faculties in fulfilling their mission of deepening the understanding of Divine Revelation and exploring the patrimony of the Church's wisdom, so that the men and women of this age may make this inheritance their own (Cf. *Gravissimum Educationis*, 11). Your support of these institutions, which trace their existence back to the Collegio Romano founded by Saint Ignatius Loyola and Saint Francis Borgia in 1553, means that in a sense you are present-day co-workers of those great priests of the Society of Jesus in the apostolic work which the Holy Spirit moved them to undertake for the greater glory of God. In these centres of learning professors and students gather from all parts of the world to serve the Church through their study and research, and so in a very practical way you, their benefactors, share in spreading the Light of Christ's truth to every corner of the globe.

I pray that God will reward you for your generosity, and I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

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