

## HOLY FATHER'S ADDRESS TO THE SECURITY OFFICERS, TRAFFIC POLICE AND CARABINIERI

Dear Security Officers,

Traffic Police and Carabinieri!

I wish to extend a cordial and thankful greeting to you all, as I prepare to leave my residence in Castel Gandolfo, where I have spent these summer months.

I express my deep esteem for the vigilant work you perform, providing security and tranquillity for all the citizens.

I especially thank you for your great effort during my stay here at Castel Gandolfo. Besides my personal gratitude, I also thank you on behalf of my assistants and the pilgrims and visitors who came to meet the Pope. If everything was conducted in an orderly and peaceful way, it is certainly because of your presence and constant attention.

May God reward you and protect your lives and your professional work. For my part, I assure you a constant remembrance in my prayer, as I cordially impart a special Blessing to you and your loved ones.

Castel Gandolfo, 28 september 1999