



The Holy See

**ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER PAUL VI
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CARMELITES
OF MARY IMMACULATE**

Wednesday, 20 March 1974

Dear sons in Christ,

It is a pleasure for us to have this opportunity to extend a word of welcome to you, the Prior General and members of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate.

We are aware of the admirable pastoral work carried out by your Congregation in India: teaching at all levels, the care of the aged and the sick, the apostolate of the press, as well as running several mission dioceses. For all of this activity on behalf of the Church we thank you from our heart.

We are likewise pleased to note that there is no lack of vocations to the priesthood, and we would ask you to assure your students of our particular fatherly affection. We pray that they will be granted the grace of perseverance and joy in the life of special union with Christ which they have freely embraced.

To all of you indeed we give the assurance of a special place in our prayers. As we express once more our particular closeness to you in your work, we cordially impart to yourselves and to all the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate our Apostolic Blessing.