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Il Santo Padre ha ricevuto questa mattina in Udienza:

Em.mo Card. Achille Silvestrini, Prefetto della Congregazione per le Chiese Orientali;

Partecipanti al Pellegrinaggio della Chiesa Siro-Malankarese dall'India; Comunità del Pontificio Istituto San Giovanni Damasceno in Roma.

Giovanni Paolo II ha ricevuto in Udienza:

Em.mo Card. Józef Glemp, Arcivescovo di Warszawa e Presidente della Conferenza Episcopale Polacca.

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UDIENZA AI PARTECIPANTI AL PELLEGRINAGGIO GIUBILARE DELLA CHIESA SIRO-MALANKARESE E DELLA COMUNITÀ DEL PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO SAN GIOVANNI DAMASCENO IN ROMA

Alle 11.30 di questa mattina, nell'Aula Paolo VI, il Santo Padre ha ricevuto in Udienza i partecipanti al Pellegrinaggio Giubilare della Chiesa Siro-Malankarese dall'India e i membri della Comunità del Pontificio Istituto San Giovanni Damasceno in Roma, ed ha loro rivolto il discorso che riportiamo di seguito:

• DISCORSO DEL SANTO PADRE

Dear Archbishop Baselios,

Dear pilgrims of the Syro-Malankara Church,

Staff and Students of the Pontifical Institute of Saint John Damascene,

1. From India and elsewhere you have come to Rome to celebrate the Great Jubilee of the Year, and your prayer at the Tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul is a luminous sign of the profound communion which is ours in Christ.

Seventy years ago, Metropolitan Archbishop Mar Ivanios, Bishop Mar Theophilos and their companions entered into full communion with the See of Peter, because they were profoundly convinced of the truth of the words found beneath the dome of the Vatican Basilica: *Hinc una fides mundo refulget*. «From here the one faith shines forth in the world». They understood that «the Church is one, the Church of Christ between East and West» (*Orientalis Lumen*, 20); and they knew that, in entering the communion of the Catholic Church, they «did not at all intend to deny their fidelity to their own traditions» (*ibid.*, 21). In the years since their decision, God has abundantly blessed the Syro-Malankara Church in her work for Christian unity.

As you crown your Jubilee celebrations in the offering of the Holy Qurbana, I ask you to invoke God's love on the Christians of the Oriental Churches, that in new and deeper ways they may «discover the fact that they are all walking together towards the one Lord...and thus towards each other» (*ibid.*, 28). Pray too that this fresh discovery among Christians of the East may be a blessing for the whole Church as we set forth into the Third Millennium.

2. I am especially happy to welcome the Rector, the Staff and the student priests of the Pontifical Institute of Saint John Damascene in this year when, on the Feast of your heavenly Patron, you will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Institute, established by Pope Pius the Twelfth. Today let us together give thanks to God for the many graces which those years have brought.

You priests who are resident in the Institute come from the Syro-Malankara and the Syro-Malabar Churches, and therefore you are all sons of Saint Thomas the Apostle, to whose missionary work you owe your Christian faith. Rightly, you are proud not only of the rich heritage of your Churches, but also of their apostolic fervour, their pastoral energy and their many vocations. This is the Christian vitality which you bring with you to Rome, and in turn the Church of Rome offers you her gifts. Here you can come to a deeper sense of the special mission of the Successor of the Apostle Peter, the prime servant of the unity of all Christ's faithful. Here you can learn more of what it means to belong to the universal Church, and you can know more of the joy and gratitude which this stirs in Christian hearts.

Dear Brother Bishops, dear friends in Christ, in the course of your Jubilee celebrations, may the words of the Psalmist echo deep within each of you: «How good and how pleasant it is, brothers dwelling in unity» (*Psalms* 132:1). And may the all-holy Mother of God, through whom the light rose over the earth, guide you safely on your pilgrim way. As a pledge of grace and peace in her divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

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**TELEGRAMMA DEL SANTO PADRE AL DIRETTORE GENERALE DELL'ORGANIZZAZIONE
INTERNAZIONALE DEL LAVORO (OIL)**

Domenica 19 novembre, è entrata ufficialmente in vigore la Convenzione N. 182 circa *l'interdizione e l'azione immediata per l'eliminazione delle peggiori forme di lavoro dei bambini*, adottata all'unanimità dalla 87a Conferenza dell'Organizzazione Internazionale del Lavoro "OIL" (Ginevra, 17 giugno 1999). In tale occasione, la Comunità internazionale ha preso atto del gravissimo problema del lavoro, che coinvolge ormai più di 120 milioni di fanciulli in tutti i cinque continenti. Il nuovo strumento giuridico mira a combattere alcune manifestazioni estreme di tali abusi, quale la prostituzione infantile, l'utilizzo dei bambini per attività illecite, ed ogni forma di lavoro che, per natura sua o per le sue circostanze, può compromettere la salute, la sicurezza o la vita morale dei bambini.

Pubblichiamo di seguito il telegramma che il Santo Padre, tramite l'Em.mo Card. Angelo Sodano, Suo Segretario di Stato, ha inviato al Direttore Generale dell'OIL, Sig. Juan Somavía, al fine di incoraggiare gli Stati alla più rapida ratifica ed applicazione della nuova Convenzione:

• TELEGRAMMA DEL SANTO PADRE

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HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT CONVENTION 182 CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION AND IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON 19 NOVEMBER 2000. HIS HOLINESS HAS INSISTED THAT "NO ONE CAN REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE SUFFERING OF COUNTLESS CHILDREN WHO FALL VICTIM TO INTOLERABLE EXPLOITATION AND VIOLENCE, NOT JUST AS THE RESULT OF THE EVIL PERPETRATED BY INDIVIDUALS BUT OFTEN AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF CORRUPT SOCIAL STRUCTURES" (ECCLESIA IN ASIA, 34). HE TRUSTS THEREFORE THAT THE CONVENTION WILL BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENCE OF CHILDREN WHO ARE POWERLESS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE HARM DONE TO THEM BY INDIVIDUALS IN WHOM THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN SILENCED OR BY SOCIAL STRUCTURES WHICH ENABLE THE STRONG TO TRAMPLE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE WEAK. HIS HOLINESS EARNESTLY HOPES THAT ALL MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION WILL QUICKLY RATIFY THE CONVENTION AND WORK RESOLUTELY TO ENSURE ITS FULL APPLICATION, SO THAT THE YOUNG OF THE WORLD, WHO ARE BORN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, MAY BE ALLOWED TO GROW AND DEVELOP IN A WAY WORTHY OF THEIR INALIENABLE HUMAN DIGNITY.

CARDINAL ANGELO SODANO SECRETARY OF STATE

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