



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
TO THE SECURITY PERSONNEL ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS FAREWELL FROM THE COMMUNITY OF BRESSANONE***

*Major Seminary of Bressanone
Monday, 11 August 2008*

I can only say thank you for your presence and for the discretion with which you have worked for me. Only now do I realize what an army of "guardian angels" surrounded me and guaranteed me this period of peace and joy. I was truly able to live on an island of peace, see the beauty of nature and at the same time, know that so many were working for me, helping me to live well in this island of peace.

I hope that for you too this was a bit of a breather in this fresh air and not just work and commitments but also a bit of rest surrounded by the beautiful nature, in this lovely little town with a rich past and such a vivacious and wonderful present.

I am at a loss for words to say more. I wish all of you every blessing of Our Lord, I wish you joy and all the fine things you would like for your families, for each one of you. May the Lord bless you always. Let us hope that these days may live on in our memory as days that will also help us later to believe in the beauty of life and to have faith in our future.

My thanks to you all!

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