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**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
DURING THE VISIT TO SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL
IN THE DIOCESE OF TRIVANDRUM**

Trivandrum (India)

Saturday, 8 February 1986

Dear Bishop Acharuparambil,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"You are God's temple and... God's Spirit dwells in you" . These words of Saint Paul have a particular meaning today as I have the joy of visiting this "Temple of God", Saint Joseph's Cathedral in the Diocese of Trivandrum of the Latin Rite.

What a great dignity is ours – we who have come to know and love our Lord Jesus Christ! In Baptism we have been made sons and daughters of God, and we have the privilege of calling God "Abba, Father". Christ has given us a share in his Death and Resurrection, and he has poured out his Spirit upon us. What a blessing to have the Spirit dwelling in us as in a temple. This is our Christian dignity. This is the cause of our joy. Let us always rejoice and be filled with praise of God. And may he bless all the clergy, religious and laity of this diocese.

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