



# The Holy See

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***ADDRESS OF PAUL VI TO THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES  
OF THE ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF  
THE SOUTHERN LIEUTENANCY OF THE UNITED STATES***

*Saturday, 28 September 1968*

We extend a special welcome to the Knights and Ladies of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of the Southern Lieutenancy of the United States, here present under the guidance of their Grand Prior, the Most Reverend Thomas Gordon.

We, who very recently have given Our approval to the new Statute of the Order, are greatly pleased to meet these heirs of so long a tradition of devotion to Christ and His Church. May your visit to Rome, the present centre of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and the See of the Vicar of Christ, strengthen you in your resolve to be worthy members of the Order in which you have been enrolled, and encourage you to continue with the greatest possible fervour its glorious traditions.

With this prayer, We invoke God's Favours upon you, and impart to you and to your dear ones Our Apostolic Blessing.