



The Holy See

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II TO KOREAN PRIESTS STUDYING IN EUROPE

*Consistory Hall
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Dear Brother Priests,

I am happy to greet you, *Korean Priests studying in Europe*. I pray that your pilgrimage to the Tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul will confirm you in a deep and abiding love of the Church, and will encourage you in your priestly lives and ministry.

As you pursue your studies, remember that if you are to be worthy and effective ministers of the Gospel, you must personally walk the way of holiness. As priests of Christ, you are called to imitate the Lord's example, who, as St Paul tells us, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death (cf. Phil. 7-8). In order to be able to satisfy your people's thirst for progress in the spiritual life and for greater love and solidarity in human affairs, you must truly be men of God, grounded in prayer, having "the mind and heart of missionaries, open to the needs of the Church and the world" (John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 32).

I commend you and the Church in Korea to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer. In the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

