



VATICAN - The Pope during the Angelus: "Continue to pray for the Christians of the Middle East, for peace and dialogue"

Castel Gandolfo (Agenzia Fides) - After the Angelus prayer at the Apostolic Palace of Castel Gandolfo yesterday, Sunday, September 23, the Holy Father Benedict XVI addressed the French-speaking pilgrims with these words: "Dear French-speaking pilgrims I thank you with all my heart for your prayers that accompanied the success of the apostolic Trip to Lebanon, and the whole Middle East. Continue to pray for Christians in the Middle East, for peace and for peaceful dialogue between religions." The Pope also mentioned the beatification of the priest Louis Brisson, who lived in the nineteenth century, the founder of the Oblates and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, on Saturday 22 in the French city of Troyes, joining in the joy of the diocesan community and spiritual sons and daughters of the new Blessed.

In greeting the pilgrims from Poland, the Pope quoted the Gospel of the day, where Jesus pays special attention to children: "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name, welcomes me", and said: "We ask God that these words inspire all those who are responsible for the gift of life, of the worthy conditions of life and education, of the safe and serene growth of children. May each child enjoy the family love and warmth! "

Finally, the Pope greeted the religious guests of the College "Mater Ecclesiae" with these words: "I am delighted to welcome, from various Countries, the Sisters of the Missionary College 'Mater Ecclesiae' of Castel Gandolfo, to whom I wish a happy and fruitful year of formation and community life. "(SL) (Agenzia Fides 24/09/2012)