



# The Holy See

---

**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II  
TO MR JOAQUIM ALBERTO CHISSANO,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE\***

*Saturday, 17 April 2004*

*Mr President,*

I receive you with great pleasure on the occasion of your visit to Rome as President of Mozambique and of the African Union, bearing the serious challenges and great hopes of this Continent whose peoples I always keep in my heart and am pleased to greet in this Easter Season of the Resurrection.

President Chissano, I offer you my respectful greetings and very best wishes for the noble task entrusted to the Institution over which you currently preside. May the heavenly Spirit descend upon the great human family and awaken in the hearts of all a love for the gift of life! May God bless your family and all the People of Mozambique! May he bless Africa and all who assist Africa!

---

*\*L'Osservatore Romano. Weekly Edition in English n.17 p.3.*

© Copyright 2004 - Libreria Editrice Vaticana