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Il Santo Padre ha ricevuto questa mattina in Udienza:

Ecc.mi Presuli della Conferenza Episcopale dell'Austria, in Visita "ad Limina Apostolorum":

Em.mo Card. Christoph Schönborn, O.P., Arcivescovo di Wien
con l'Ausiliare: S.E. Mons. Helmut Krätzl, Vescovo tit. di Eraclea pontica;

S.E. Mons. Alois Schwarz, Vescovo di Gurk;

S.E. Mons. Manfred Scheuer, Vescovo di Innsbruck;

S.E. Mons. Paul Iby, Vescovo di Eisenstadt;

S.E. Mons. Ludwig Schwarz, Vescovo di Linz;

S.E. Mons. Klaus Küng, Vescovo di Sankt Pölten;

S.E. Mons. Christian Werner, Vescovo tit. di Wiener Neustadt, Ordinario Militare.

Il Papa riceve questo pomeriggio in Udienza:

S.E. Mons. William Joseph Levada, Prefetto della Congregazione per la Dottrina della Fede.

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RINUNCE E NOMINE

• RINUNCIA DELL'ARCIVESCOVO METROPOLITA DI PESCARA-PENNE (ITALIA) E NOMINA DEL SUCCESSORE

Il Santo Padre Benedetto XVI ha accettato la rinuncia al governo pastorale dell'arcidiocesi metropolitana di Pescara-Penne (Italia), presentata da S.E. Mons. Francesco Cuccarese, in conformità al can. 401 § 1 del Codice di Diritto Canonico.

Il Papa ha nominato Arcivescovo Metropolitano di Pescara-Penne (Italia) S.E. Mons. Tommaso Valentinetti, finora Vescovo di Termoli-Larino, trasferendolo dalla medesima diocesi.

S.E. Mons. Tommaso Valentinetti

S.E. Mons. Tommaso Valentinetti è nato a Ortona, arcidiocesi di Lanciano-Ortona, l'11 agosto 1952. Ha compiuto gli studi ginnasiali e liceali e il primo anno di teologia presso il Pontificio Seminario Regionale "S. Pio X" di Chieti. Nell'ottobre del 1973 è stato ammesso all'Almo Collegio Capranica di Roma e si è iscritto alla Facoltà di Teologia della Pontificia Università Gregoriana.

Ha ricevuto l'ordinazione presbiterale il 25 giugno 1977, incardinandosi nell'arcidiocesi di Lanciano-Ortona, sua diocesi di origine.

Recatosi a Gerusalemme per il completamento degli studi, come alunno del Pontificio Istituto Biblico, vi ha conseguito la Licenza in Sacra Scrittura.

Nell'arcidiocesi di appartenenza ha svolto i seguenti incarichi: Parroco della Parrocchia di Cristo Re nella zona rurale di Ortona, dal 1980. Dal 1981 al 1996 Parroco della Parrocchia S. Giuseppe, dal 1986 Vicario Episcopale per le attività pastorali e dal 1987 Vicario Generale.

È stato Docente di Sacra Scrittura, dal 1995, nel Pontificio Seminario Regionale a Chieti, e dal 1996 al 2000 è stato nominato Parroco della Parrocchia di S. Gabriele ad Ortona.

Eletto Vescovo di Termoli-Larino il 25 marzo 2000, ha ricevuto la consacrazione episcopale il 20 maggio dello stesso anno.

Attualmente è Vice-Presidente della Conferenza Episcopale Abruzzese-Molisana e Presidente di *Pax Christi*.

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INTERVENTO DELLA SANTA SEDE ALLA SECONDA COMMISSIONE DELLA 60a SESSIONE DELL'ASSEMBLEA GENERALE DELL'O.N.U. SUL PUNTO 52: "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

Pubblichiamo di seguito l'intervento che l'Osservatore Permanente della Santa Sede presso l'Organizzazione delle Nazioni Unite, l'Arcivescovo S.E. Mons. Celestino Migliore, ha pronunciato ieri, 3 novembre, a New York nel corso della Seconda Commissione della 60a Sessione dell'Assemblea Generale dell'O.N.U. sul punto 52: "*Sustainable development*":

• INTERVENTO DI S.E. MONS. CELESTINO MIGLIORE

Mr Chairman,

My delegation believes that development plans and poverty reduction strategies must be integrated into environmental sustainability. Without environmental stewardship, development will have no sound foundation, and without development, there will be no means of investment, rendering environmental protection impossible.

Responsibility and solidarity are linked here in such a way that action in favour of the environment becomes an affirmation of belief in the destiny of the human family gathered around a common project crucial to everyone's good. This echoes the first principle of the Rio Declaration that "human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable development".

However, the numerous difficulties encountered in confronting the problems of global environmental degradation such as climate change, drinking water shortage, deforestation and desertification, show the complexity of facing the problems of development in a coherent, integrated way, and the need to replace fragmented sectoral approaches with a holistic and multisectoral one.

Among the first cluster of threats identified by the High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change were economic and social threats, including poverty, infectious diseases and environmental degradation. We agree that these three questions ultimately threaten the security of present and future generations. The need to address these challenges as an ensemble is indispensable to a collective security system. They are not stand-alone threats.

In facing them and in promoting the development of responsibility and solidarity, local communities will have to be involved in evaluating and conserving nature, and receive a fair share of benefits, if they are willingly to collaborate; costs to natural ecosystems need to be taken into account in all economic decisions, since nature's resources are clearly finite; and protection of natural assets will have to gain a much higher priority in governments' planning, investment and budgeting if it is to be successful.

Of particular concern are forests, which remain essential in terms of food, shelter, fuel, fresh water and fibre to 90% of the world's 1.2 billion extreme poor; yet forest loss is still evident in too many places. The finalisation of an international treaty on the protection of forests is much to be desired.

Nor should we forget the targets contained in MDG 7 which aim to halve by 2015 the proportion of people without access to clean drinking water and basic sanitation, as well as significantly improve the lives of slum dwellers by 2020, as restated recently in the CSD 13 Decision. Unfortunately, many states will not meet the 2005 target for establishing integrated water resources management programmes. It is nevertheless in the interest of all countries to assist and invest in the implementation of such schemes.

Another grave question is that of climate change and energy, which the Secretary-General has rightly described

as one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century. The themes of next biennial cycle of the CSD will have an impact on many related questions such as the environment, economics, politics, ethics and social questions, as well as national and international security. It will be an occasion for international reflection on themes central to peace and human development, above all in the poorest areas with the slimmest capacity to adapt, with scarce energy resources and a greater exposure to the consequences of climate change.

Finally, it is encouraging to witness the growing awareness of climate change demonstrated for example at the G8 summit in Gleneagles. Serious discussions should follow, on the means by which states can provide incentives for the further development of renewable energy sources, begin to phase out environmentally harmful subsidies, especially for fossil fuel use and development, and invest in the research and development of a clean, efficient and cheap replacement for fossil fuels. The world is going to need dramatically more, not less, energy in the next fifty years: we owe it to future generations everywhere to start immediately on such a path. Thank you, Mr Chairman.

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COMUNICATO: PATH TO PEACE AWARD 2005

On 9 November 2005 the Path to Peace Foundation will bestow the *2005 Path to Peace Award* to His Most Eminent Highness, Fra' Andrew Bertie, the Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, and President of the Path to Peace Foundation, announced that His Most Eminent Highness has been unanimously selected to receive the Award by the Board of the Path to Peace Foundation, an agency established to carry out the projects to support the work of the Holy See Mission to the United Nations.

H.M.E.H. Fra' Andrew Bertie was born and educated in London. From 1948 to 1950 he carried out military service in the Scots Guards, obtaining the rank of officer in 1949. After a short experience in the commercial sector, he taught Modern Languages for 23 years at Worth School, the Sussex Benedictine high school.

He was admitted to the Sovereign Order of Malta in 1956. He has contributed to the government of the Order since 1981 as a member of the Sovereign Council and in April 1988 he was elected the 78th Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta. More commonly referred to as the Order of Malta or the Knights of Malta, it is a lay religious order of the Catholic Church, formally recognized by the Pope in 1133 A.D., and is the fourth oldest religious order of the Church.

The motto of the Order is *Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum*, that is, to defend the faith and to serve the poor. Gradually the Order took on a military function, and became one of the most advanced fighting and naval forces in the world. As the need for military force was diminished, the Order focused its attention to better serving the poor and the sick throughout the world. Currently, there are over 10,000 Knights and Dames worldwide engaged in charitable works. The Order of Malta sends millions of dollars worth of food, medicine, and relief supplies around the world each year.

As Grand Master, Prince Bertie oversees the numerous international charitable activities of the Order, which now has observer status at the United Nations.

It is in recognition of his exemplary charitable works that the Path to Peace Foundation honors His Most Eminent Highness the Prince and Grand Master, Fra' Andrew Bertie with the 2005 Path to Peace Award, which will be presented in his name to the Grand Chancellor, H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Mazery, at a Gala Dinner held by the Foundation at the Sky Club in New York City.

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