



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS
TO ALUMNI OF THE JESUIT COLLEGE OF MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY***

*Hall of the Popes
Saturday, 26 October 2013*

I wish to thank you once again for your visit and greetings. You awaken so many memories in me. The only thing that amazes me is that there isn't a single one of you with *mate*... Didn't you have the courage? Didn't you have the Uruguayan spirit to bring it? When your president came we had *mate*!

Very good, I truly thank you. I see that there are many children here; it is a sign of great promise and hope. This visit awakens so many memories of the classmates who organized it, and of so many other beautiful things. I don't know when a trip to your country will be scheduled, but certainly not before 2016. One thing is certain: if I visit Argentina, I shall visit Chile and Uruguay too, all three together. So we will meet again there.

I thank you once again, and I would also ask you a favour, pray for me. The people here are good, the company is good and everyone works well together, but the work is hard and we can't do it all. Pray for me, and for my collaborators, that we can move forward. Thank you very much!