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Alle 11 di questa mattina, il Santo Padre Giovanni Paolo II ha ricevuto in Udienza il Signor Jona Metzgher, Rabbino Capo di Israele, il Signor Slomo Amar, Rabbino Capo di Israele, e il Signor Oded Wiener, Direttore Generale del Gran Rabinato, a Roma in occasione del Concerto della Riconciliazione, che avrà luogo domani in Vaticano, ed ha loro rivolto le parole di saluto che pubblichiamo di seguito:

• SALUTO DEL SANTO PADRE

Distinguished Gentlemen,

I am pleased that you have come to Rome to attend the Concert of Reconciliation at the Vatican, and I am happy to extend to you today my warm and cordial greetings. In the twenty-five years of my Pontificate I have striven to promote Jewish-Catholic dialogue and to foster ever greater understanding, respect and cooperation between us. Indeed, one of the highlights of my Pontificate will always remain my Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which included intense moments of remembrance, reflection and prayer at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and at the Western Wall.

The official dialogue established between the Catholic Church and the Chief Rabbinate of Israel is a sign of great hope. We must spare no effort in working together to build a world of justice, peace and reconciliation for all peoples. May Divine Providence bless our work and crown it with success!

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