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TELEGRAMS OF THE POPE TO THE PHILIPPINES

Before the Visit

His Excellency Ferdinand E. Marcos President of the Republic of the Philippines

As the long-awaited moment of our arrival in your country approaches we send Your Excellency our warm salutation with the assurance of our prayers for your welfare and happiness and that of all the beloved people of the Philippines.

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After the Visit

His Excellency Ferdinand E. Marcos President of the Republic of the Philippines

Deeply touched by the warmth of the welcome given us in your land, we assure you once again, as we leave the Philippines, of our heartfelt gratitude and impolre the Lord to bestow abundant rewards upon all the Filipino people, as a pledge of which we impart anew our affectionate Apostolic Blessing.

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To the President of the Episcopal Symposium Cardinal Rufino Santos Manila

To you, our venerable brother and through you to all the members of the episcopte in Asia whom we had the pleasure of meeting in your city, we send this assurance of our warm appreciation, and united with all in the close bonds of charity, we impart our cortial. Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of the abiding favor of the Lord for themselves and the Churches they are called to serve.

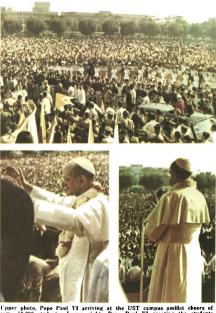
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The Asian Bishops Conference opened with a pontifical concelebrated Mass at the UST chapel on November 23, 1970. Cardinal Santos of Manila was min celebrant assisted by the Presidents of the various Episcopal Conferences of Asia.



After the Mass the Papal Delegate to the Asian Bishops Conference opened the cultural and religious exhibits at the UST Main Library.



Upper photo, Pope Paul VI arriving at the UST campus amidst cheers of some 50,000 students; Lower right: Pope Paul VI greeting the students who gathered at the UST campus to hear his message to them last November 28, 1970; Lower left: after his speech Paul VI blessed the throng gathered at the UST campus





Flanked by the Presidents of the various Episcopal Conferences of Asia, Paul VI presided during the closing session of the Asian Bishops Conference on November 28, 1970.



Pope Paul VI delivered a special message to the different bishops of Asia gathered at the UST Collegy.of Medicine auditorium.



At the end of his address, Paul VI posed with the cardinals and bishops of Asia in this rare photo.