



# The Holy See

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**LETTER OF PAUL VI  
TO THE VISCOUNT BOYD OF MERTON,  
PRESIDENT OF THE «SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND»**

*To the Right Honourable  
The Viscount Boyd of Merton  
President of the "Save the Children Fund"*

On the memorable occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the "Save the Children Fund", We send Our warmest greetings to you, to the officers, members and supporters.

Founded in Great Britain to help children in distress after the first world war, the "Save the Children Fund" has spread its activities throughout the world wherever afflicted boys and girls need aid. The Eskimos and Indians of the far north, the homeless of Africa and of Asia, the Aborigines of Australia, the victims of wars-to these and many others the Fund Association offers solace and succour for their children.

Such work to help the needy and distressed is very dear to Us, and We know how much Our illustrious Predecessors, especially Pope Benedict XV, held in esteem the "Save the Children Fund".

Throughout the world We see and feel the sufferings and urgent necessities of countless innocent victims of human degradation and tragedy, and We readily extend the hand of friendship to your Association, which is able to assist effectively so many of these helpless children.

In the Jubilee Service We join in spirit, praying for the work of your Association and for the children who so urgently claim its aid.

We give assurance of Our continued interest and cordially offer Our good wishes to all associated in any way with the "Save the Children Fund", invoking abundant divine blessings.

*From the Vatican, April 30, 1969.*

**PAULUS PP. VI**

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