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Speaker:

In our continuing catechesis on the Creed during this Year of Faith, we now consider the meaning of Christ's resurrection for us and for our salvation. The Lord's death and resurrection are the foundation of our faith; by his triumph over sin and death, Christ has opened for us the way to new life. Reborn in Baptism, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and become God's adoptive sons and daughters. God is now our Father: he treats us as his beloved children; he understands us, forgives us, embraces us, and loves us even when we go astray. Christianity is not simply a matter of following commandments; it is about living a new life, being in Christ, thinking and acting like Christ, and being transformed by the love of Christ! But this new life needs to be nourished daily by hearing God's word, prayer, sharing in the sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, and the exercise of charity. God must be the centre of our lives! By our daily witness to the freedom, joy and hope born of Christ's victory over sin and death, we also offer a precious service to

our world, helping our brothers and sisters to lift their gaze heavenward, to the God of our salvation.

The Holy Father:

Saluto i frequentatori del *NATO Defense College* e auguro che il loro servizio alla pace e alla cooperazione internazionale sia sempre fruttuoso. Do inoltre un affettuoso benvenuto ai *Wounded Warriors* degli Stati Uniti e assicuro le mie fervide preghiere affinché il pellegrinaggio a Roma porti abbondanti frutti spirituali per loro e per le loro famiglie. Su tutti i pellegrini di lingua inglese presenti all'odierna Udienza, e particolarmente su quelli provenienti da Inghilterra, Scozia, Danimarca, Australia, Filippine, Sud Corea, Thailandia, Canada e Stati Uniti, invoco di gran cuore la gioia e la pace del Signore Risorto.

Speaker:

I am pleased to greet the visitors from the NATO Defense College and I offer prayerful good wishes for their service to international peace and cooperation. I also extend a warm welcome to the group of "Wounded Warriors" from the United States, with heartfelt prayers that their pilgrimage to Rome will bear rich spiritual fruit for them and their families. Upon all the English-speaking visitors present at today's Audience, including those from England, Scotland, Denmark, Australia, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Canada and the United States, I invoke the Risen Lord's gifts of joy and peace.

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