



# FLAME YOUTH CONGRESS

## Pope Benedict XVI's Message

WEMBLEY ARENA, 24 MARCH 2012

**The Holy Father was pleased to be informed of the celebration of the Flame Congress in Wembley Arena on 24 March 2012, and he sends his greetings to all the young people who have travelled from far and wide to take part in this great event.**

He recalls with much pleasure his meetings with young people during his September 2010 visit to the United Kingdom, when the joy and fervour of their Faith in Christ was so evident, and he encourages them in their desire to build on that experience as they prepare for the Olympic and Paralympic Games later this year.

He prays that the flame of faith will continue to burn strongly in them, so that they will become convincing witnesses of Jesus Christ, "saints of the twenty-first century", living examples of the spirit of the Beatitudes. In a world marked all too often by greed and selfishness, violence and exploitation, he urges the young to hold up to their contemporaries the Gospel values of generous love, peace, forgiveness and service to others. Commending all who are taking part in this event and all who have helped to organise it to the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, and to the prayers of Blessed John Paul II, His Holiness is pleased to impart his Apostolic Blessing.

**Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone**

*Secretary of State*