

The Holy Father's Impact – April 13, 2005
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Your Holiness...

each syllable rings clearly with truth
encapsulates the essence of John Paul II
who wore his heart in his smile,
not on his sleeve,
whenever he greeted the sheep of his flock.

The lambs were tenderly embraced,
each precious child's face gently cupped
as benediction and loving grace were bestowed
with a proudly paternal touch.

One could hear his eyes wordlessly speak:
"You are precious in my sight, and I love you."

"Totus Tuus".....

totally in the Father's service,
totally entrusting himself to His care and providence.

The air about him shimmered with the Light of Divinely inspired Love,
glowing from hours of devoted conversation with the Lord,
purified in the fire of physical suffering and humble forbearance,
all for the Glory and Honor of the Lord,
..."the salvation of men and women,
the preservation of the human family,
all nations and peoples,
useful for the people He has especially entrusted" to him.

The Audience Room....

vast, crowded with thousands of faith-filled followers
expectantly awaiting the anointing of the Holy Spirit
which descends upon all present
with the arrival of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II.
Thundering applause, chants of affection,
the gentle beating of the wings of God's Love,
trigger the cascade of tears which course down my cheeks.
My eyes behold

not a frail, sickly, bent man
who struggles greatly for each breath,
but the humanity of Christ outpoured
all for the love of all of us present.

His Holiness....

willingly submits himself to the Cavalry
of pain-filled hours of being "present" to his disciples.
He is a tangible reality of Christ broken for love of us;

his model of the “Suffering Servant” teaches us
how to lean on the Lord in our own sufferings,
and to trust that all will be for the good of our eternal life.

I deeply inhale the rarefied air,
serenity fills me, swells up through my tears
filling me with a sense of the seashore experience
and a loving Lord smiling gently at me.