



HOLY FATHER SPEAKS ON JUSTICE AND PEACE IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

On Friday, February 9th, 2001, the Holy Father interceded for refugees and exiles from Bosnia-Herzegovina. During the meeting with a humanitarian organization from Sarajevo, the Pope said in Croatian that we cannot and must not forget this injustice.

"Tens of thousands of persons from the region of Banja Luka, from Bosnian Posavina and other parts of the country wait to return to their homes", he said, "and wait for a satisfying solution in the light of the accords of Washington and Dayton". It is necessary "to correct the existing injustices and to pay attention to legitimate expectations of those who are directly concerned, and who demand the respect of their inalienable rights. This is the only basis of the future in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious country as Bosnia-Herzegovina".

At the end of the meeting, the Pope reminded the unconditional need of religious freedom for all.

