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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
DEAR ENGLISH GUESTS !

(oder: DEAR GUESTS FROM ABROAD !)

In the course of my talk, I hope you will excuse any linguistic deficiencies in my English and I am sure you will appreciate that on occasions like this it isn't grammar and correct pronunciation that matters, but the language of the heart and the authenticity of the speaker.

If we compare today's church to a large railway station into which the tracks of yesterday lead in, then your interest, the interest of believing and faithful students, must lie with the tracks of tomorrow.

One track must lead to the depth of our being, into a sincere and healthy piety, into a certain mysticism, into the heart of the Holy Trinity.

The second track is the one stretching out to the horizon, the horizon of confrontation with today's multicultural and cosmopolitan world, but also stretching out to the wideness of generosity. (Intellectual discussions and an alert awareness of the problem is not enough. Only a deeply devout church can survive in tomorrow's world.)

We need a church with horizons which enable people to survey existence as a whole. This is only possible if you have the courage to believe in Christ. That is our opportunity.

The third track would be the one towards greater pastoral ^{sensitivity} security. To meet people, wherever they are, with all their problems and aspirations: for in today's world many people are in search of faith.

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These ideas are just a little meditation of a Station Master of the Catholic Church.

I wish that you, the generation of tomorrow, with the help of the Holy Spirit may find the right tracks.