

We recognize that between those of the various Christian faiths there are many differences. But today when Communism is our common enemy, those of us who share a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being must not allow ourselves to be weakened by petty jealousies and small controversies that only serve to divide us. We are united in one overwhelming fundamental fact; that is, that communist atheism is repugnant to anyone who believes that there is a spiritual pattern and purpose in man's life.

There is a paramount need today for peoples of all faiths to stand fast against Communism's negation of faith. The Communist creed threatens all people. No one knows that better than the men and women who have come from Slovakia.

To combat the Communist threat, men and women of goodwill all over the world must draw closely together in tolerance and co-operation. We must reaffirm our concern for the spiritual values which alone give purpose and dignity to life.

Throughout history, men have attempted to create states and mold societies in which the state was the ultimate end in itself and the dignity of man and the divinity of God were denied. We have seen these systems, the empires of the Caesars and the Hitlers, come and go.

The materialistic Marxism that now confronts us can have no enduring appeal to peoples nurtured in an atmosphere of faith and freedom, certainly none that can assail the great spiritual heritage of Slovakia.

The truth of this statement is reflected in the efforts and sacrifices made by so many of the people of Eastern Europe who have refused to submit to the evils of Communism. You have confirmed the historic truth that no regime, no matter how great the armies which support it, can dare to ignore the