

"... AND, IN THAT MOMENT, IT SEEMS LIKE THE ENTIRE WORLD IS WAITING FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II TO SPEAK..."



"PEACE BE WITH YOU!"

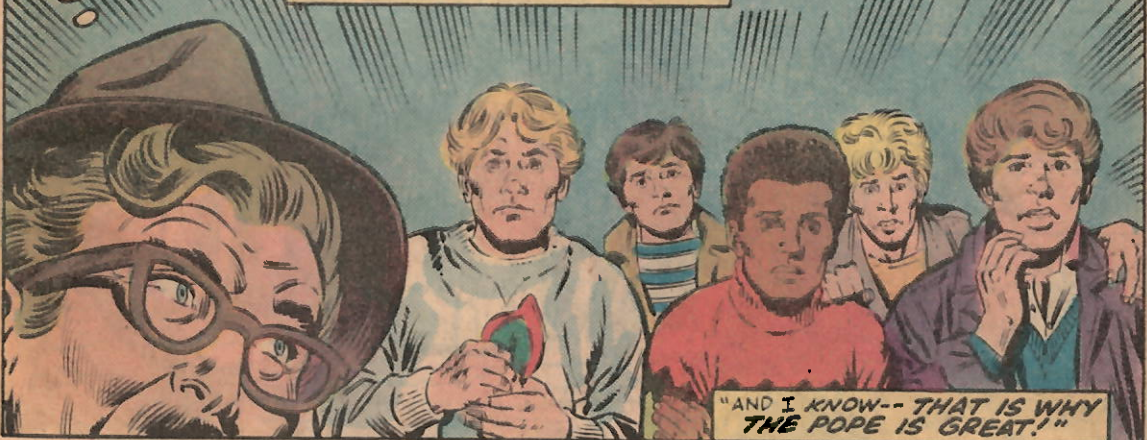
THESE ARE THE FIRST WORDS THAT JESUS SPOKE TO HIS APOSTLES AFTER THE RESURRECTION... TONIGHT, IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST... IN THE MIDSOT OF A WORLD THAT IS ANXIOUS ABOUT ITS OWN EXISTENCE, I REPEAT THESE WORDS TO YOU, FOR THEY ARE THE WORDS OF LIFE:



"PEACE BE WITH YOU!"

WHAT THE -- ?! IMPOSSIBLE!

"I HAD KNOWN KIDS LIKE THIS! MESS'D OVER FROM BIRTH, NOT LISTENING TO ANYONE-- NOT PARENTS, NOR POLICE, NOR SOCIAL WORKERS. SOMEHOW, IN A FEW SECONDS, HE GETS THROUGH TO THEM..."



"AND I KNOW-- THAT IS WHY THE POPE IS GREAT!"

WE CANNOT STAND IDLY BY WHEN THOUSANDS OF HUMAN BEINGS ARE DYING OF HUNGER, NOR CAN WE REMAIN INDIFFERENT WHEN THE RIGHTS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT ARE TRAMPLED ON...



AND SO, IN THE NAME OF THE SOLIDARITY THAT BINDS US ALL TOGETHER IN A COMMON HUMANITY, I AGAIN PROCLAIM THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON...

... WITH DEEP CONVICTION AND AFFECTION, I REPEAT TO YOU THE WORDS THAT I ADDRESSED TO THE WORLD WHEN I TOOK UP MY APOSTOLIC MINISTRY IN THE SERVICE OF ALL MEN AND WOMEN: "DO NOT BE AFRAID."