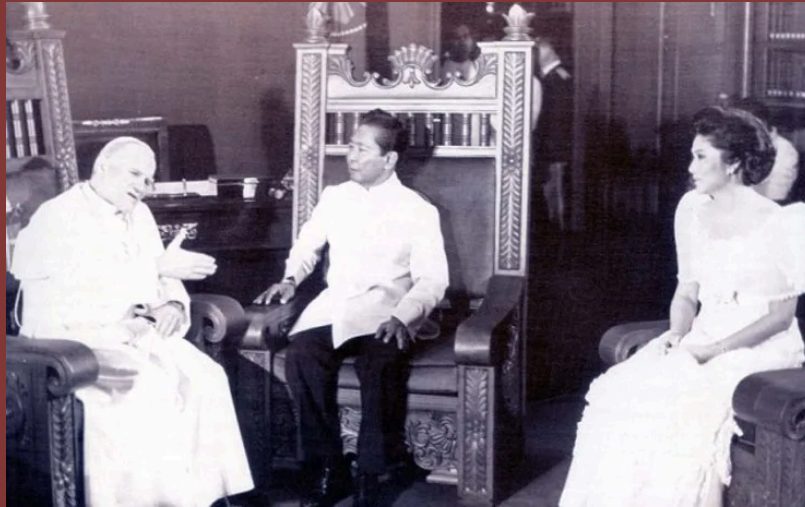


Visit of Pope John Paul II

17 January 1981



With martial law "lifted," and political prisoners, including priests, the stage was set to welcome the head of the Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II. While the Pope acknowledged Marcos Sr.'s efforts to restore a semblance of normalcy in the country, he delivered a pointed message: there is no justification, not even national security concerns, that could ever legitimize the violation of human rights.

Bilang bahagi ng paghahanda para sa pagdating ng Santo Papa na si John Paul II sa bansa noong taong 1981, ilang mga bilanggong politikal, kasama ang ilang miyembro ng kaparian, ang pinalaya kasabay ng pagtanggap sa Batas Militar. Ang mga hakbang na ito ay ikinasangkapan upang maiwasan ang pagkapahiya ni Marcos Sr. dahil sa mga batikos na kaugnay sa pang-aabuso ng karapatang pantao ng kanyang rehimen. Bagamat pinuri ng Santo Papa ang mga hakbang na ito, binigyang diin din niya na hindi kailan man mabibigyan katwiran ang mga paglabag sa karapatang pantao, maging sa ngalan man ito ng pambansang seguridad.

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