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## **POPE TO YOUTH: YOU GIVE ME CONSOLATION AND HOPE**

VATICAN CITY, MARCH 17, 2010 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).- Benedict XVI told young people today that they give him consolation and hope since "your age is the springtime of life."

The Pope said this at the end of the general audience -- the first of the season to be held outdoors in St. Peter's Square.

He went on to encourage the young people, "Be always faithful to the love that God has for you."

The Holy Father continued his traditional greeting to the sick and newlyweds.

"When we suffer, all the reality in us and around us seems to darken but, in the depth of our heart, this must not extinguish the consoling light of faith," he told the ill. "Christ with his cross sustains you in your trial.

"And you, dear newlyweds, whom I greet cordially, be grateful to God for the gift of the family. Counting always on his help, make of your existence a mission of faithful and generous love."

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