

THE GIFTS OF A GUEST

In his column "Jour le Jour" in "Le Monde", the journalist Robert ESCARPIT compares, in the following words, the benefits the Olympic Games brought to Mexico, with those produced by the visit of the Pope to a South American country :

"In the urban life of Colombia the Apostle of the church plays a similar role to the Olympic phenomenon in Mexican society. For example, when one admires the magnificent motorways which ease the traffic in Mexico and Bogota, one hears that they have been built for the Games and the visit of the Pope respectively.

With the same pride one is shown in the one place the stadiums and in the other the vast installations set up to assemble the crowds round the pontifical seat.

Even once the athletes have left and Pope PAUL VI has returned to Rome, the positive things remain and now everyone can benefit ..."