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### POPE PIUS XII's 80th BIRTHDAY

Vatican City : March 2nd, 1956.

Children present birthday greetings to Pope Pius XII on behalf of their Countries. Children get inside the palace and take off their overcoats and are put all together, Italian boys in the middle.

Then Pope comes in. "He is wearing glasses and has on a little cap". He is all in green and white except his shoes. They are red and white. He looks old, did not sit on his throne, but on another chair.

The Italian children sang to the Pope and then several children took the cake to him. Later the Pope talked to the foreign children.

Children ~~with~~ clapped hands for the Pope. When the ceremonies were over, the Pope walked out of the Concistorial Hall, where the party was held, and the children were taken back to their schools.

The Pope began his 81st year in prayer for the peace to which he has dedicated his life and 17-year reign.

He prayed alone yesterday morning in the little red chapel adjoining his fourth room floor apartment.

Then he descended to the vast halls of the Vatican Palace to receive the greetings of young and old came to pay him an homage he did not seek.

The Pope bestowed his blessings to the children and cardinals alike, and at noon he appeared at his Studio window high above sunny St. Peter's Square to bless crowd of 30,000 shouting "Viva il Papa" ( Long Live the Pope ) and "Auguri" ( best wishes ).