

Statue of Pope John Paul II unveiled to recall first visit to Mexico

Mexico City, Jan 27, 2009 / 05:27 pm ([CNA](#)).- As of January 26, Mexico City has a new monument to Pope John Paul II. A large statue of the late Pontiff was unveiled to mark the 30th anniversary of his first visit to Mexico.

In the presence of Church officials, political and business leaders, the statue was unveiled, with a plaque at the bottom that reads: "The People of Mexico commemorate 30 years since the first visit of His Holiness John Paul II."

Donated by a group of Catholic faithful, the bronze statue was fashioned in Mexico City by Mexican artist Marcelino Mandujano and is seven and a half feet tall.

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