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(Parvin/AB)  
October 20, 1982  
3:30 p.m.

MRS. REAGAN: TAPING FOR YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1982

Hello to all of you at the Youth for Christ Rally. I'm delighted to share this evening with you. My husband and I have long been admirers of Youth for Christ.

You know there's an Irish proverb which says, "Praise youth and it will prosper." Well, without any praise from me you're already prospering where it counts -- spiritually. But I did want to tell you this evening how much I admire what you're accomplishing and what you stand for. As the theme of your rally demonstrates, Youth for Christ is there when kids need help. You are providing moral and spiritual leadership for young people across the country, and I can think of nothing more worthy.

A humanitarian, Dr. Albert Schweitzer once said, "One thing stirs me when I look back at my youthful days, the fact that so many people gave me something without knowing it." You may not know it either, but you are giving something to America. You are giving her spiritual strength for the future. You are sustaining her values. My husband believes a divine plan placed this land of ours here -- to be found by people with a special love of faith and freedom. You are carrying on that faith.

Thank you for inviting me this evening and God bless you all.

(Parvin) <sup>AB</sup>  
October 19, 1982  
4:30 p.m.

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