Pope John Paul II was welcomed for the first time in sunshine in the United States when he arrived in Philadelphia Oct. 3.

John Cardinal Krol greeted the Pope on the pope's airplane, Shepherd I, and walked arm in arm with the pope down the steps from it.

Also greeting the Pope were Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh, Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo and his wife Carmella, and 3,000 archdiocesan school students who cheered and sang, "Long live the Pope."

The students also said, "hello" to the Pope, by spelling out a greeting from a card section in bleachers at the airport. The signs held aloft by Archdiocesan pupils said, "Philadelphia welcomes Pope John Paul II with love." When the cards were reversed by the students, the Pope could see the same message in Polish.

Gov. Thornburgh welcomed Pope John Paul by recalling that Pennsylvania was established by William Penn nearly 300 years ago as a place based on brotherly love where religious refugees could live in peace.

"Through the warmth of your personality, the moral force of your character and the understanding within your heart, you have breathed new life in the dream of our founder," Thornburgh told the Pope.

Mayor Rizzo knelt and kissed the ring of the Pope. Then he welcomed the pontiff "with all our love and affection."

"The Pope told Rizzo, "Philadelphia means brotherly love."

There were no other formal speeches at the airport. A motorcade took the pontiff to the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

At the Cathedral, Pope John Paul II said he brought a message of love upon arriving Oct. 3 at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in the city of

POPE JOHN PAUL'S open car motorcade up S. Broad st. began at John F. Kennedy Stadium, continued to City Hall, and down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to the Cathedral. Police estimated more than a million Philadelphians cheered the Pope along the way.