

THE ENCOUNTER



ENCOUNTERS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

The Holy Father reminds us that the discrimination that the poor suffer from, is not only material but also social and spiritual.

Organising the World Day of the Poor and spending three exceptional days with several thousand brothers and sisters in precarious situations, allows each of us to meet He who lifts us up.

So that each of us may hear Him say « you are precious and honored in my sight ». It puts us directly in the heart of the Gospel. To all, participants, organisations, donors, people in positions of responsibility, public powers, may this invitation to pray together for the world and to experience mercy, that is to say, the tenderness of God the Father, resonate in your hearts and allow you to experience meaningful encounters that change the world.

WE NEED YOU!



Thanks to you, we will place the most vulnerable amongst us in the heart of the Church.



Excerpt from the Apostolic letter « Misericordia et misera », 20 November 2016

During the "Jubilee for Socially Excluded People", as the Holy Doors of Mercy were being closed in all the cathedrals and shrines of the world, I had the idea that, as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year, **the entire Church might celebrate, on the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the World Day of the Poor.** This would be the

worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy (cf. Mt 25:31-46). It would be a day to help **communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as**

long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. **This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization** (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.

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«HOW I WOULD LIKE A CHURCH THAT IS POOR, AND FOR THE POOR,»

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EXPERIENCE THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

WITH POPE FRANCIS

16 - 18 NOVEMBER 2018



THE CONCEPT

WHO ARE WE ?

Fratello is an association which organises and hosts events, with and for **people who are excluded from society**. Fratello works in partnership with other organisations who help the most fragile around the world.

OUR EXPERIENCE

In **November, 2016** Fratello accompanied **3500 homeless people** and their helpers **from 22 European countries** to Rome for the Jubilee of Misery. **A few days later, Pope Francis announced the creation of the World Day of the Poor** which will be held annually on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

WHAT ?

The **first edition in 2017**, was organised on a parish level. **This year, Dioceses around the world are invited to participate with their Bishops. We intend to enlist 12 Dioceses** to ensure the international nature of the event.

AN INVITATION

The **Bishop will invite people suffering from exclusion and their helpers to a moment of prayer** (a vigil, a mass, a washing of the feet etc,) or a time of sharing, following the example of Pope Francis who invited 1500 homeless people to lunch in the Paul VI Hall last November, **and other initiatives that create a connection with the poor.**

PROGRAM

suggestions



Friday, 16 November

GOD, SOURCE OF CONSOLATION

Vigil
Concert
Witnesses
Prayers

Saturday, 17 November

GOD, SOURCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lauds
Encounter with
key witnesses

Lunch
Workshops/Encounters

Marian Procession
Vigil of Mercy
Washing of feet
Adoration/confession

Sunday 18 November

GOD, SOURCE OF HOPE

Lauds
Mass at the Cathedral

Lunch in the
Cathedral Square

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18 NOVEMBER,
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POOR

Here are some suggestions for a program. We are at your disposal to help you organise the next World Day of the Poor!

OUR OBJECTIVES



WELCOME WITH

BENEVOLENCE

«In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me!» In receiving each other with our poverty, we receive Jesus in to our Church and into our hearts.



« I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity »

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OPEN THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH TO THE POOR



«A Church that is poor, and for the poor». We want to show that those who are vulnerable have their place inside the Church and not outside of it.

LIVE AN



EXTRAORDINARY

MOMENT

«The extraordinary helps to live the ordinary.» Nous We want to allow people suffering from exclusion to experience a moment of **prayer for peace and profound joy**. It is the occasion to tell them «**you are the treasure of the Church**». It may be the beginning of a new life for them.

BEAR WITNESS

TO OUR HOPE



We want to live a moment of fraternity that brings together **organisations from around the world** who work to help the excluded. We want to manifest our Hope.