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"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."

Fragment of Pope Francis' letter at the first World Day of the Poor (19th November 2018)

Under the leadership of Pope Francis, the World Day of the Poor is expanding over the 5 continents

November 18th 2018 marks the second annual World Day of the Poor. In this year's message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 34:7, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him."

This day is reaching a larger audience in 2018: 12 dioceses coming from the five continents symbolically joined together and organised events with and for the most excluded or vulnerable people.

In Europe: PARIS, LYON (France), VIENNE (Austria), MADRID (Spain)

In America: BOSTON (USA), QUEBEC (Canada), SANTIAGO (Chili)

In Asia: MANILA (Philippines)

In Africa: OUAGADOUGOU (Burkina Faso), BANGUI (Central African Republic), ANTANANARIVO (Madagascar)

In Oceania: WELLINGTON (New Zealand)

In the Vatican, Pope Francis will celebrate the mass in the Saint Peter Basilica before having lunch with hundreds of homeless or excluded people in the Paul VI Hall. <http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/it.html>

Everywhere in the world, many dioceses will experience during this day an exceptional time made of prayers and brotherhood events. The most vulnerable ones will definitely be at the centre of the Church's and the world's attention.

For example, a banquet gathering 600 people will take place in St Eustache Church in Paris. In Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Cardinal Ouedraogo will invite, together with the local political and religious representatives, several thousands of Christian and Muslim people who live in poverty to share a festive lunch. In Madrid, the celebration will take place over a few days of conferences, activities, and prayers.

This day is a step before 2019's one which might turn into a new worldwide gathering, like Fratello's pilgrimage in November 2016 in Rome.

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