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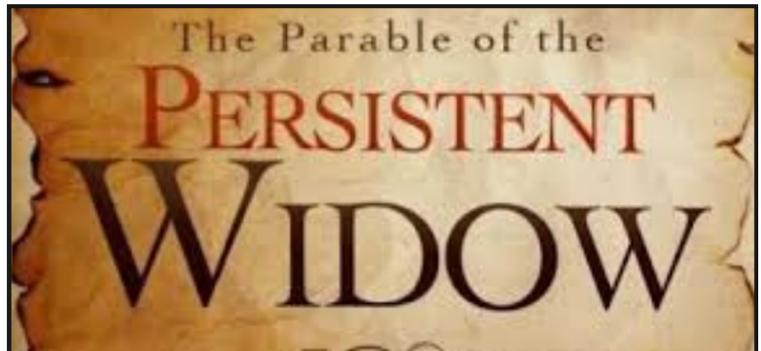
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 Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30p.m.

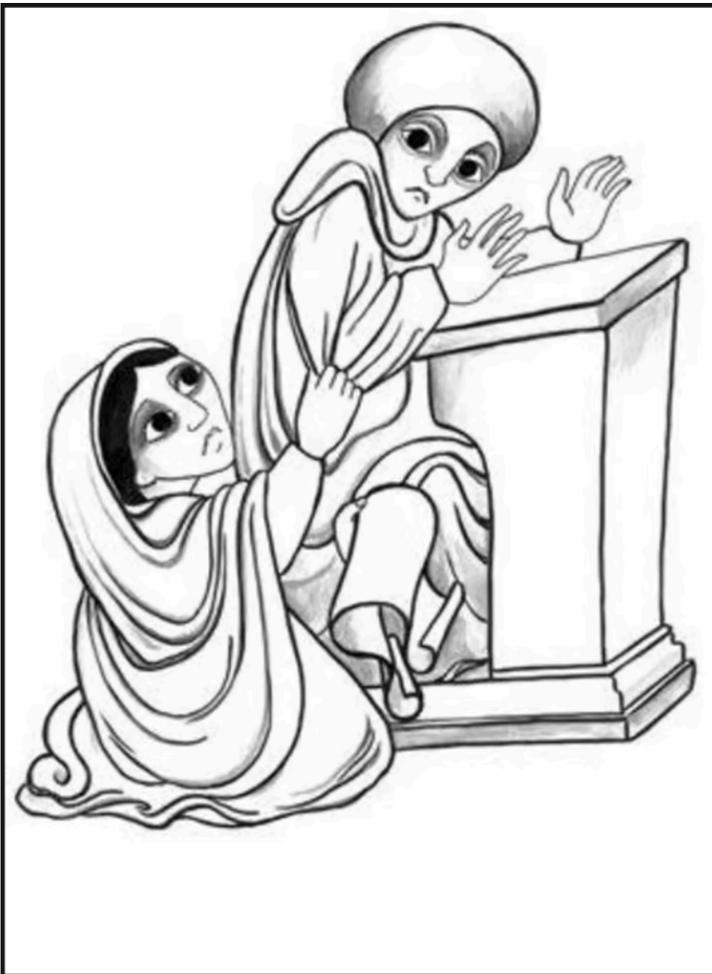


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**WEEKDAYS / FINES DE SEMANA**  
 Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado: 5:30p.m. (English)  
 Sunday/domingo: 7:30 / 11:00a.m. (English) 9:00a.m. (Español)  
**WEEKDAYS / DIAS DE LA SEMANA**  
 Monday-Saturday: 8:15a.m. (English)  
 Tuesday / martes: 6:00p.m. (Español)  
 Thursday / jueves: 6:00p.m. Hora Santa en (Español)  
 Friday / viernes: 3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (English)  
**Baptism / Bautizos:** Classes offered every third Saturday of the month. Call the Office to Register for Classes  
 Spanish: 10:00-12:00p.m.  
 English: 10:00-12:00p.m.  
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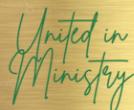


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- Alter Society
- Baptism Catechists
- Bereavement
- Eucharistic Adoration Holy hour
- Extraordinary Minister of the holy Hour
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- Los Hombres de Valor
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- St. Joselito Youth Group
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| Lupe Mirabel           | Christina Arrieta     |
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| Virginia y Mike Ortega | Joe Contreras         |
| Martha Rivera          | Narciso Dominguez     |
| Julieta Rojas          | Rick & Gerry Duran    |
| Rose Sedillo           | Harry A. Lujan        |
| Daniel Telles          | Alice Lujan           |
| Sally Torres           | Elizah & Zurayah      |
| Ralph Trevizo          | Benavidez family      |
| Silvia Briseno         | Marvin Dubbin         |
| Mr. & Mrs. Zapta       | Olivia Marshall       |
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| Josephine Chavez       | Ed Fragoso            |
| Deoson                 | Linda Monroe          |
| Luke Simmons           |                       |
| Beverly Zubia          |                       |

**All Saints Day Festival**

Friday October 31, 2025  
Finley Hall  
6 - 9pm

Saint Costume contest  
Talk about your saint, and how they followed Jesus.

Desserts and Drinks will be provided

**Festival de Todos Los Santos**

Viernes 31 de Octubre, 2025  
Finley Hall  
6 - 9pm

Concurso del Mejor disfras de un Santo ¡Cuéntanos sobre tu santo y cómo siguió los pasos de Jesús!

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-Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

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# What is happening

- All saints Day Festival at Finley Hall  
October 31, 2025 6pm-9pm
- Festival de todos Los Santos en Finley Hall  
31 de octubre 2025 6pm-9pm

**Baptism sign up**  
**Registraciones de Bautizo**

**the CATHEDRAL**  
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**Classes offered every third Saturday of the month.**  
**Clases se ofrecen cada tercer sábado del mes.**

September / septiembre, 20,2025  
October / octubre 18, 2025  
November / noviembre 15,2025

Spanish: 10:00-12:00p.m.  
English: 10:00-12:00p.m.

**Dias de los Bautizos (domingo)**  
7 de septiembre del 2025  
5 de octubre del 2025  
5 de noviembre del 2025

**Day's of Baptism English (Sunday)**  
September 21, 2025  
October 26, 2025  
November 26, 2025

Call the Office to Register for Classes and register to baptized. For more information call the office  
Llamen a la oficina para registrar para las clases, o para Bautizar. Para mas informacion llame a la oficina

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30p.m. † Pedro Perez (Graciela & Daughters)

**Sunday / domingo October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7: 30a.m. †Pete M. Romero (by Rosa Romero)  
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

9:00a.m. †Vicky Rey (por Familia Rey)  
(Sp) †Raquel Ortiz (por Familia Ortega)  
†Pedro Teran (Por Familia)  
Benditas Almas del purgatorio

11:00a.m. †Manuel & Beatriz Ramirez (by Children)  
†Marcelina Meza (by Meza Family)  
†Paula Hernandez (by Family)

**Monday / lunes October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
8: 15a.m. †Rebeca Spires (by David Medina)  
†Kathleen Groman (by Aunt Mary Sedillo)  
Happy Birthday Fr. Alejandro  
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

**Tuesday / martes October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
8:15a.m. †Manuel & Inez Sambrano (by Family)  
† Steve Sambrano (by Family)  
Happy Birthday Fr. Alejandro  
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

6:00p.m. †Tillie & Luz Nevarez (by Cecilia M. Monje )  
(Sp)

**Wednesday / miércoles October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:15a.m. Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)  
Happy B-day Fr. Alejandro  
All the priests around the world

**Thursday / jueves October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
8:15a.m. †Roman & Maxine Sambrano  
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)  
Happy Birthday Fr. Alejandro

**Friday / viernes October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15a.m. †Rosie Hurbina (by Mary Helen Sedillo)  
Happy B-day Fr. Alejandro  
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

**Saturday / sábado October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15a.m. Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)  
Happy Birthday Fr. Alejandro

## Saint of the week / Santo de la semana

### St. John Paul II, Pope

#### The school of suffering

Karol Wojtyła – “Lolek” to his family and friends – learned a great deal from suffering. The boy, born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland, lost his mother when he was nine. When he was twelve, his elder brother died. He enrolled at university in Krakow at the age of nineteen to study his passion, Polish literature, but a year later Germany invaded Poland, the university was closed, and the professors deported to concentration camps. In the hungry, bleak years of the German occupation, Karol, the aspiring actor who staged clandestine theater performances with his friends, came to know the world of manual laborers, the hardness of their lives as well as their great dignity, becoming a laborer himself in a stone quarry and a chemical plant.

There was light even in this dark time. His father, a man of profound prayer, taught him how to invoke the Holy Spirit. A friend, the tailor Jan Tyranowski, showed Karol the beauty of the interior life. Loss struck again: Karol's father died in 1941, leaving the young man alone in the world. But with this new grief came illumination: “God was calling me to be a priest.”

#### Be not afraid!”

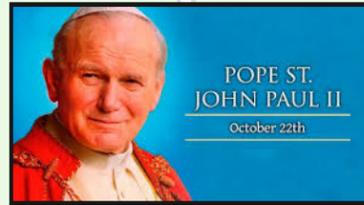
In 1978, Albino Luciani was elected Pope John Paul I, but died a month later. The shocked Cardinals entered a conclave to elect a pope for the second time in a year. Thousands of people's attention was riveted on St. Peter's when the new pope's name was announced, then people turned to one another in confusion: Who? A non-Italian? For the first time in 455 years?

The new Pope “from a far country” had been prepared for his task through his own suffering and the suffering of his people. He knew what it was to face fear. So, on October 22, 1978, at the inaugural Mass of his pontificate, Pope John Paul II cried out to the whole world, “Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!” To Christ in whom alone the human being understands himself, to Christ the Redeemer of Man.

This Pope from afar would go far, traveling some 1,100,000 kilometers around the world to show people the love of this Redeemer of Man, and to invite them to let go of their fear.

#### “Totus tuus”

On May 13, 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the Pope would find a different way to show the world what it means to face fear, armed only with the love of God, the power of forgiveness, and the protection of the Mother of God. During that day's papal audience, an assassin aimed and fired. St. Peter's Square erupted into panic as the Pope fell. He came close to death, saying later that the Mother of God, to whom he had entrusted his pontificate, had protected him on her feast day; he made a pilgrimage to Fatima to place the bullet in her crown. He made another pilgrimage, too: to prison, to forgive the “brother who shot me” face-to-face.



### s. Juan Pablo II, papa

Carlos José Wojtyła nació en Wadowice, Polonia, en 1920. Su familia y su infancia están marcadas por varios lutos. En 1939, cuando la Alemania nazi invadió Polonia, el Tercer Reich cerró la Universidad

Jagellónica de Cracovia a la que asistía, por lo que el joven Carlos comenzó a trabajar primero en una cantera y luego en la fábrica de productos químicos para ganarse la vida y evitar la deportación a Alemania. Desde 1942, sintiéndose llamado al sacerdocio, asistió a los cursos de formación del seminario mayor clandestino de Cracovia, dirigido por el arzobispo Adam Stefan Sapieha.

#### Pastor en una Polonia finalmente libre

Después de la guerra, Carlos pudo continuar sus estudios en el seminario mayor de Cracovia y en la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad Jagellónica, hasta su ordenación sacerdotal en 1946. En 1948 recibió su primer encargo en Polonia: coadjutor en la parroquia de Niegowic, cerca de Cracovia, y luego en la parroquia de San Florián en la ciudad. Fue capellán de estudiantes universitarios hasta 1951, y después enseñó Teología Moral y Ética en el seminario mayor de Cracovia y en la Facultad de Teología de Lublin. El 13 de enero de 1964 fue nombrado arzobispo de Cracovia por el Papa Pablo VI, quien lo creó cardenal tres años después.

Inmediatamente después participó en el Concilio Vaticano II donde hizo una importante contribución a la redacción de la constitución Gaudium et spes.

#### El primer polaco sucesor de s. Pedro

Con la muerte prematura de Juan Pablo I, contra todo pronóstico Carlos Wojtyła fue elegido Papa el 16 de octubre de 1978. Fue el primer Papa no italiano después de 455 años, desde la época de Adriano VI, el primer polaco de la historia y también el primer Pontífice de un país de habla eslava. Su pontificado comenzó inmediatamente a reunir primados: sus viajes apostólicos por el mundo, expresión de la constante preocupación pastoral del sucesor de Pedro por todas las Iglesias, fueron 104; ayudado por las 11 lenguas que conocía, Juan Pablo II trabajó siempre para construir puentes de relaciones entre las naciones y las diferentes religiones, en el signo del Ecumenismo, verdadero faro del que se guió durante todo su largo pontificado. En Italia, realizó 146 visitas pastorales y, como Obispo de Roma, visitó 317 de las 332 parroquias actuales de Roma.

#### La muerte y el culto

Juan Pablo II murió en Roma, en el Palacio Apostólico del Vaticano el sábado 2 de abril de 2005, a las 9:37 p.m., en la víspera del domingo en Albis o Solemnidad de la Divina Misericordia, fiesta instituida por él. Su pontificado fue el tercero más largo de la historia, después del de Pedro y Pío IX. Los solemnes funerales en la Plaza de San Pedro se celebraron el 8 de abril con una multitud de gente nunca vista antes en Roma. Beatificado en 2011 por su sucesor inmediato Benedicto XVI, fue canonizado por el Papa Francisco el 27 de abril de 2014.



1. October month of the holy rosary with religious education
2. Harvest fest 2025 "Thank you"



## El Papa a Pueblos Originarios: Difundan la alegría del encuentro con Jesús



En un mensaje a las Redes de Pueblos Originarios y a la Red de Teólogos de Teología India, el Santo Padre León XIV animó a redescubrir el Año Jubilar como tiempo de gracia, perdón y esperanza compartida. Invitó a releer la historia con gratitud y a vivir con audacia evangélica la fe que une a todos los pueblos en Cristo.

Sebastián Sansón Ferrari - Ciudad del Vaticano

"Esa misma universalidad, que no uniforma, sino que acoge, dialoga y se enriquece con la diversidad de los pueblos, incluye de modo especial a ustedes, los Pueblos Originarios, cuya historia, espiritualidad y esperanza constituyen una voz irremplazable dentro de la comunión eclesial". Con estas palabras, el Papa León XIV se dirige en su mensaje a las Redes de Pueblos Originarios y a la Red de Teólogos de Teología India con motivo del Año Jubilar.

En el texto, publicado este jueves 16 de octubre, el Pontífice evoca el deseo de su predecesor, el Papa Francisco, quien, al programar los momentos jubilares, "ha querido poner de relieve la universalidad de la Iglesia, que se manifiesta en tantas vocaciones, edades y situaciones de vida: familias, niños, adolescentes, jóvenes, adultos mayores, ministros ordenados y laicos, servidores en la Iglesia y en la sociedad".

En esta línea, explica que "cuando atravesamos la Puerta Santa, más que la realización de un gesto simbólico ingresando en un hermoso templo, lo que queremos es introducirnos, por medio de la fe, en la fuente misma del amor divino, el costado abierto del Crucificado" (cf. Jn 20,27-29).

"Es en esa fe que somos un Pueblo de hermanos, uno en el Uno (cf. S. Agustín, Comentario al Salmo 127,4). Es desde esa Verdad que debemos releer nuestra historia y nuestra realidad, para afrontar el futuro con la esperanza a la que nos convoca el Año Santo a pesar de los trabajos y la tribulación (ibíd., 5.10)."

### Reconciliación con la historia

Asimismo, reconoce que "la larga historia de evangelización que han conocido nuestros Pueblos Originarios va cargada de luces y sombras". Retomando a san Agustín, señaló que aun cuando los servidores del Evangelio no siempre hayan sido coherentes, "Dios obra por sí mismo la gracia". Por ello, el Jubileo es un tiempo propicio "para perdonar de corazón a nuestros hermanos" (cf. Mt 18,35), reconciliarse con la propia historia y agradecer la misericordia de Dios.

León XIV insiste en que sólo desde el abandono confiado en el poder divino los pueblos podrán ser verdaderamente "Pueblo de Dios". Recordó que el Señor "ha insertado en todas las culturas las semillas del Verbo" y las hace florecer de modo nuevo. En esta línea, cita a san Juan Pablo II: "La fuerza del Evangelio es en todas partes transformadora y regeneradora. Cuando penetra una cultura, no habría catequesis si fuese el Evangelio el que hubiera de cambiar en contacto con las culturas" (Catechesi tradendae, 53).

### Un diálogo que enriquece

El Sucesor de Pedro afirmó que el diálogo y el encuentro permiten descubrir "la vida abundante que Cristo ofrece a todos los pueblos". Esa vida —sostiene— se manifiesta en la fragilidad humana, "marcada por el pecado original", y en la gracia de Cristo, "que por todos derramó hasta la última gota de su Sangre para que tuviéramos vida en abundancia" (cf. Jn 10,10).

León XIV agradece el aporte de las comunidades originarias y de la Teología India a la reflexión eclesial, destacando que en su cosmovisión "resuena el anhelo profundo de comunión con el Creador y con la creación", un mensaje que la Iglesia debe acoger y acompañar con discernimiento.

### Audacia evangélica y misión

Antes de concluir, el Papa evoca un término querido por su predecesor Francisco: la parresía, esa audacia evangélica que impulsa a "salir de uno mismo para anunciar el Evangelio sin miedo y con libertad de corazón".

En el concierto de las naciones —dice— los pueblos originarios "han de presentar con valentía y libertad su propia riqueza humana, cultural y cristiana". La Iglesia, añade, "se enriquece con sus voces singulares, que tienen un lugar insustituible en el coro magnífico donde todos proclamamos: Señor Dios eterno, alegres te cantamos, a ti nuestra alabanza".

### María, estrella de la evangelización

Finalmente, León XIV encomienda los trabajos de las redes a la Virgen de Guadalupe, "Estrella de la Evangelización", que "mostró cómo Jesucristo hizo de dos pueblos uno solo, derribando el muro de enemistad que los separaba" (cf. Ef 2,14).

El mensaje termina con una invitación a renovar el mandato misionero: «Vayan, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos» (cf. Mt 28,19-20), difundiendo "la alegría que brota de haberse encontrado con su Divino Corazón".

## Pope Leo XIV: 'Defeating hunger is the path to peace'

Pope Leo XIV visits the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome to mark World Food Day and the 80th anniversary of the organization's founding. In his address he reaffirms the Holy See's closeness to the institution and calls for a shared global commitment to end hunger and malnutrition.



By Linda Bordoni

Sandwiched between the Caracalla Baths, the Aventine Hill and the Circus Maximus and the high Roman ideals they represent, the FAO headquarters in Rome is a microcosm that represents the world. Its mission to defeat hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition in a sustainable way, upholding the dignity of every human being, resonates in a world where conflict, the climate crisis, forced migration and a widening gap between the rich and poor, cast doubt on the goodwill of the international community to place the human person above profit in the name of justice and peace.

That's what Pope Leo XIV did on Thursday morning when he addressed a star-studded audience of UN and world leaders and goodwill ambassadors gathered at FAO to mark World Food Day and the organisation's 80th anniversary.

"We cannot be content with proclaiming values; we must embody them," he said, calling for a renewed ethical foundation: "Slogans do not lift people from misery. We must place the human person above profit and guarantee food security, access to resources, and sustainable rural development."

His visit, in the footsteps of all his predecessors starting with Pope Paul VI in 1970, provided him with the occasion to renew the Holy See's long-standing support for the UN agency and to urge the international community to redouble its efforts to eradicate hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity – evils he described as "a moral wound that afflicts the whole human family."



**Read the full text of Pope Leo XIV's speech here.**

"Whoever suffers from hunger is my brother"

Choosing to speak both in Spanish and in English, the Pope said that the fight against hunger "is not only a political or economic task but a profoundly human and moral duty."

"Whoever suffers from hunger is not a stranger," he said. "He is my brother, and I must help him without delay."

He recalled that eighty years after the FAO's creation, millions of people still lack adequate food and nutrition.

"Ending these evils," he said, "requires the contribution of all: governments, institutions, civil society, and every individual person."

**A collective moral failure**

Citing current data that show over 673 million people go to bed hungry and 2.3 billion lack a nutritious diet, the Pope said these are not abstract numbers but "broken lives and mothers unable to feed their children."

He denounced "an economy without a soul" and a system of resource distribution that leaves vast populations in misery, calling the persistence of hunger in an age of abundance "a collective moral failure and a historical fault."

**"Food must never be a weapon"**

Pope Leo expressed deep concern that food is once again being used as a weapon of war, calling this a "cruel strategy that denies men, women, and children their most basic right – the right to life."

Recalling the UN Security Council's past condemnation of starvation as a war crime, he lamented that "this consensus seems to have faded." The silence of those dying of hunger, he said, "cries out in the conscience of humanity," urging all nations to act decisively.

"Hunger is not humanity's destiny but its downfall," the Pope said. "It is not just a problem to be solved; it is a cry that rises to heaven." →

**An ethical vision of politics**

The Pope did not neglect to reaffirm a concept that was dear to his predecessor, Pope Francis, who never tired of pointing out that to throw food away means to throw people away. He too condemned the waste of food while others starve, and urged world leaders to end "outrageous paradoxes" and to "awaken from the lethargy that dulls our compassion."



**"Water is life, water is food"**

Referring to this year's World Food Day theme, the Pope said the message – "Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind" – calls all people to act together.

"At a time marked by division and indifference, unity through cooperation is not just an ideal but a duty," he said. "Only by joining hands can we build a future in which food security is a right, not a privilege." He paid special tribute to women, whom he described as "the silent architects of survival, the first to sow hope and the careful stewards of creation." Recognizing their contribution, he said, is "not only a matter of justice, but a guarantee of a more humane and lasting food system."

**Renewing multilateral cooperation**

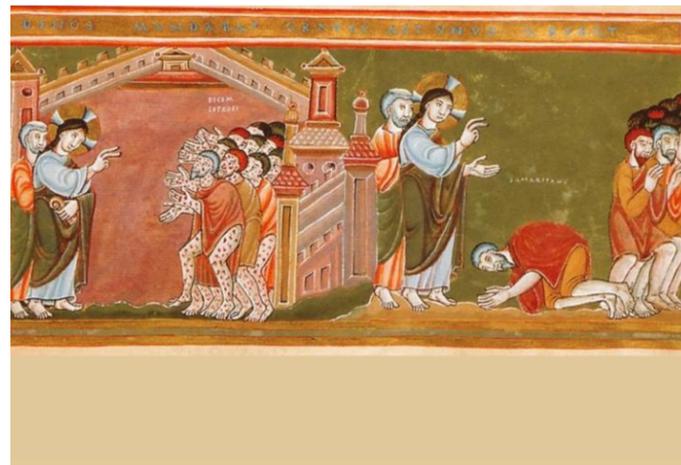
Pope Leo reaffirmed the importance of multilateralism and dialogue among nations, urging that the voices of the poor be heard directly. "We must build a vision that allows every actor in the international community to respond effectively to the genuine needs of those we are called to serve," he said.

He also made a heartfelt appeal for the many peoples suffering hunger and violence in Ukraine, Gaza, Haiti, Afghanistan, Mali, the Central African Republic, Yemen, and South Sudan, insisting that "the international community cannot look the other way."

**"Give them something to eat"**

Ending his address, the Holy Father quoted Jesus' words to His disciples, "Give them something to eat" (Mk 6:37). This Gospel command, he added, "remains a pressing challenge for the international community."

"Do not tire of asking God," he concluded, "for the courage and the energy to work for a justice that will yield lasting and beneficial results. You can always count on the solidarity of the Holy See and of the entire Church, which stands ready to serve the poorest and most disadvantaged throughout the world."



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