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At the General Audience on Wednesday

The Church needs hearts that draw people to love

The Holy Father laid a white rose before the relic of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a saint to whom he is particularly devoted. He then turned his gaze to the

other reliquary that contained the relics of her parents – Louis Martin and Marie Zélie Guérin, who were canonized in 2015. Thus began the General Audience in Saint Peter's Square on Wednesday morning, 7 June. The two relics were placed in the square to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of the young French Carmelite nun and the centenary of her beatification.

Saint Thérèse reminds us that charity and intercessory prayers, even more than projects and programmes, are essential in spreading the Gospel. As he recalled the Saint, the Pope invited the faithful to imitate the "Little Way" of Saint Thérèse, by doing even the littlest of things, like the Lord did, with great love.

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Pope recovering from surgery

At the end of the General Audience on Wednesday, 7 June, Pope Francis was admitted to Rome's A. Gemelli University Hospital to undergo a laparotomy and abdominal wall surgery under general anaesthesia, that same afternoon. The Holy See Press Office reported that the surgery and general anaesthesia were carried out without any complications and that the Holy Father had responded well to the surgery. On Thursday, 8 June, the Solemnity of *Corpus Domini*, the Pope received the Eucharist at the hospital. In order "to allow for a normal post-operative course and full functional recovery", Pope Francis is expected to remain in hospital for several days, and will be unable to participate in the World Meeting on Human Fraternity, which will take place on Saturday, 10 June, in Saint Peter's Square and simultaneously in eight other cities around the world.

Please see next week's edition for coverage of the event.

Cardinal Matteo Zuppi's mission in Ukraine

A series of meetings and moments of prayer marked Pope Francis' special envoy Cardinal Matteo Zuppi's two-day visit to Ukraine. Cardinal Zuppi, President of the Italian Episcopal Conference, concluded his visit to Kyiv on Tuesday, 6 June, following an intense schedule of meetings with civil and religious authorities, a meeting with President Volodymyr Zelensky, and time dedicated to prayer and reflection in a country devastated by 15 months of war. According to the Holy See Press Office, "the results of these talks, like those with the Religious Representatives, as well as the direct experience of the atrocious suffering of the Ukrainian people due to the ongoing war, will be brought to the Holy Father's attention and will undoubtedly be useful in evaluating the steps to be continued both on the humanitarian level and in the search for paths to a just and lasting peace".

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Pope Francis to make Apostolic Journey to Mongolia

Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Mongolia later this summer. Mr Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, made the official announcement in a statement released on Saturday, 3 June.

"Accepting the invitation of the President of Mongolia and the ecclesial authorities of the country," said Mr Bruni, "Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Mongolia from 31 August to 4 September this year". The visit's programme and further details will be released in the coming weeks.

Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, expressed his joy, in an interview, at the announcement of Pope Francis' Journey to Mongolia, calling it a "great encouragement" for the missionaries and faithful of the East Asian nation.

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On Monday, 5 June, Pope Francis received in audience members of the *Centesimus Annus* – Pro Pontifice Foundation on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its foundation, a milestone that is being marked with an international meeting on the theme, “Memory for building the future: Thinking and acting in terms of community”. The following is the English text of the Holy Father’s words which he delivered in the Clementine Hall.

Dear brothers and sisters,
good morning and welcome!

Celebrating anniversaries is something beautiful. The *Centesimus Annus* Foundation has existed now for thirty years: it had its start in the wake of the Encyclical Letter of Saint John Paul II, written for the one hundredth anniversary of Leo XIII’s historic *Rerum Novarum*. Your commitment finds its place precisely in this path, in this “tradition”: the commitment, that is, to study and spread the social doctrine of the Church, seeking to show that it is not just a theory, but can become a virtuous way of life with which to build up societies worthy of men and women.

The centrality of the person, the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity have been transformed for you, over these thirty years, into concrete actions and have affected the hearts and actions of many people. I am grateful to the Foundation and to all of you for the valuable work you have carried out and, in particular, for what you have done in the last ten years through the reception and revitalization of the contributions I have tried to make to the development of the Church’s social doctrine.

In the Apostolic Exhortation



To the *Centesimus Annus* Pro Pontifice Foundation

The logic of an integral ecology

Evangelii Gaudium, I wanted to warn against the danger of experiencing the economy in an unhealthy way. “Such an economy kills” (n. 53), I said in 2013, decrying an economic model that produces waste and that fosters what we could call the “globalization of indifference”. Many of you work in the economic sector: you know how everyone can benefit from a way of imagining reality that places the person at the centre, that does not belittle the worker and that seeks to create good for all.

The Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* highlighted the damage caused by the dominant technocratic paradigm and proposed the logic of an integral ecology, where “everything is connected”, “everything is related”, and where environmental issues are inseparable from social issues, for they go together. Caring for the en-

vironment and caring for the poor stand or fall together. In the end, no one is saved alone, and the rediscovery of fraternity and social friendship is decisive in order not to lapse into an individualism that makes people lose the joy of living and even their lives.

I am pleased that you have chosen for this international meeting the theme: “Memory for building the future: Thinking and acting in terms of community”, explicitly citing paragraph 116 of the Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*. In fact, these words come from an address given to popular movements in 2014. On that occasion, I said: “Solidarity is a word that is not always well received... However, it is a word that means much more than an occasional gesture of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It

means that the lives of all take priority over the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means fighting against the structural causes of poverty and inequality; of the lack of work, land and housing; and of the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money: forced dislocation, painful emigration, human trafficking, drugs, war, violence... Solidarity, understood in its deepest sense, is a way of making history”.

I recall – I spoke of money – a passage from the Gospel, when Jesus said that no one can serve two masters: either you serve God, a Lord, or you serve – and I expected him to say: the devil, but he doesn’t say “the devil” – he says “money”. Either you serve God or you serve money. Worse than the devil. We have to look for what Jesus means in this: there is a message. Either you serve God, or you are a servant of money. You are not free.

Today, in speaking to you and in thinking of the theme you have chosen, I want to add something that I read from a great Italian jurist, Paolo Grossi, who was also the President of the Constitutional Court and who died last year. He said: “The community is always a safety belt for the vulnerable and also provides a voice for those who have no voice of their own” (*Grammatiche del diritto*, p. 38).

In order for the community to become truly a place where the vulnerable and voiceless can feel welcomed and heard, perhaps what is needed from everyone is that exercise we could call “making room”. Everyone pulls his or her “ego” back a little bit, and this allows the other person

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The *Centesimus Annus* Pro Pontifice Foundation celebrates 30 years

‘Memory to Build the Future’

By MARCO RUSSO

The 30th anniversary of the “*Centesimus Annus* Pro Pontifice Foundation” was celebrated June 5 and 6 at the Vatican, with a conference entitled *Memory to Build the Future: “Thinking and Acting in Terms of Community”* (FT, 116). It started with a Holy Mass presided by Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, OFM, in Saint Peter’s Basilica. An important moment for members of the Foundation was their private audience with Pope Francis, which was preceded by a reflection by Cardinal Pietro Parolin. It was a beautiful occasion of communion, in which the Pope expressed to all those present – entrepreneurs, managers, professionals and academics – his gratitude for the dissemination of the Social Doctrine of the Church, which as can certainly be seen within the book that collects the speeches made over the years by the Holy Fathers to the Foundation – published for the occasion – was, and is, the specific mission that has always been entrusted to the Foundation.

The Pope expressed a thought that calls attention back to the main challenges of today. “*Either you serve God, or you are a servant of money*”. This was

one of several reflections with which he wanted to emphasize the necessity of having to choose sides and that the choice to be on God’s side – the only one that truly makes one free – is incompatible with the unbridled pursuit of money. Again, the Holy Father suggested that it is appropriate to strive for “*a way of imagining a reality that puts the person at the center, that does not belittle the worker and that seeks to create good for all*”. Along similar lines was the reflection offered a few minutes earlier by the Secretary of State, who recognized the need to be oriented towards the common good in order to face the complex global scenario, and who suggested two values to make it concrete: social friendship and a culture of encounter.

The programme included a number of testimonials from members of the Foundation. From their words, one could perceive the Foundation as a living community where people listen to one another, treasuring the past in order to build the future together. Another important part of the event was sharing the various initiatives the Foundation’s local chapters around the world have put in place to make the teaching of the Social Doctrine fruitful in everyday life.

As confirmed on several occasions by the Pres-



ident of the Foundation, Anna Maria Tarantola, it was also interesting to observe the desire to give space to young generations, allowing them to participate, and establishing a virtuous relationship with older people so as to create an important exchange of experience. The President reported that this in part is already happening, recalling an initiative earlier this year in which young people were able to interact with members of the business community.

So, this anniversary suggests that a process of positive transformation of the world is possible, as Fr Alan Fogarty, SJ, CEO of Salt + Light Media, said: “*Particularly impressive and inspiring was hearing from a leader in the business world of venture capital who shared his journey of reconciling his personal religious/spiritual and Catholic life with his professional life in a sector in which such a confession can work against success. That quite the opposite is what happened is at least a great encouragement for anyone to pick up and personally allow to change their lives to the benefit of others*”.