

WE ARE *Fratello*

TOWARDS THE 2ND WORLD DAY OF THE POOR!

« THIS POOR MAN CRIED
AND THE LORD HEARD HIM »

SUNDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

HOW TO ORGANIZE

THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2018

IN A DIOCESE

VADEMECUM OF THE ORGANIZER

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

« At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church the World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need. To the World Days instituted by my Predecessors, I wish to add this one. »

« 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 the letter of Pope Francis
at first World Day of the Poor
(19th November 2017)

3 MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR THIS DAY

« POOR CHURCH FOR THE POOR! »

We wish that the poor, homeless and weak could experience exceptional moments which give opportunity for prayer and which fulfil their life with peace and joy. It is the occasion to tell them: «You are the wealth of the Church! You are the most important in it!»

MEETING WITH THE POOR

To make this day an occasion for meeting between Lazarus of our times and «wealthy men» from your diocese, and to create relationships and to the most beautiful friendships: «When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your rich neighbours; invite the poor, ... and you will be blessed!» (Luke 14:12-14)

EVANGELIZATION, BY THE POOR FOR THE POOR!

Pope wishes to trust this day to the Pontifical Council for New Evangelization to make these meetings an occasion for themselves to give testimony: the poor were given the Gospel, and the Gospel is our friendship with the poor!
«The poor evangelize us, helping us to discover every day the beauty of the Gospel»

(fragment of the message from 13th June 2018 for this day)

OUR 5 MOST RELEVANT

PRINCIPLES

Fratello in Italian means «brother». This brotherhood is based on 5 principles arising from Acts of the Apostles, which constitute a basis for the World Day of the Poor.

1/ PRAYER & ADORATION

To love God, feel his presence, feel his love is to, first of all, discover him as the Father. During the World Day of the Poor, we would like to strongly experience the Love, feel as the children of the same Father, so as **the brothers.**

2/ BROTHERHOOD LIFE

Brotherhood life and joy can be an experience, which cause that every participant of the World Day of the Poor experience the change. The participation in the days is the occasion for communities to meet the brotherhood life: sharing, conversations, not specifically for the poor, but with them!

3/ MERCY

«Be devoted to one another in love...», in this manner we find whether the World Day of the Poor were successful. Prove to your neighbour that he or she is a dignified God's child who is ready to receive the Gospel.

4/ TEACHING

Presence, assistance, listening... and even loving: you can learn this! We never cease to be disciples, we learn from each other, we shall start from our the poorest **brothers and sisters...** who are our masters, as Vincent de Paul stated!

5/ TESTIMONY

I wish to give testimony of my experiences with God, to be an Apostle! During these days, I wish to preach Jesus, his death and resurrection to whom do not know him, to receive the Gospel from the mouth of the poorest.

WORD OF GOD

(ACTS 2, 42-47)

«They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.»

HISTORY

In October 2014, the first pilgrimage to Rome gathered 200 people living on the street. During their stay, the idea was born to establish World Day of the Poor.

In 2016, the Fratello association (founded in March 2016) led 3500 people living on the street to Rome from 22 European countries at the end of Jubilee of Mercy. During the general audience, its chairman, Etienne Villemain, requested the Pope to establish the World Day of the Poor. The Pope granted his consent and one week later, in his ecclesiastical letter «*Misericordia et Misera*» declared that 33th Sunday in Ordinary Time shall be the **World Day of the Poor**.

PROJECT

The first world day was celebrated in many parishes and Catholic communities on 19th November 2017. The closest world day takes place on 18th November 2018. Meetings within the dioceses are expected. We have the idea to organize a great international meeting in 2019 or 2020, probably in Assisi with the participation of the Pope.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Fratello works on a guidebook, which allows interested persons to prepare for the World Day of the Poor, which takes place from **Monday, 12th November to Friday, 16th November**.

FRIDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2018 **GOD CONSOLES**

Solemn vigil

Concert / Testimony / Prayer Time...

SATURDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2018 **GOD FORGIVES**

Glorious psalms / Breakfast

Meeting with authors of testimony

Lunch

Workshops / Meetings / Time spent together

Marian Procession / Vigil of Mercy / Feet washing / Adoration / Confession...

SUNDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2018 **GOD GIVES HOPE**

Glorious psalms

Mass in the Cathedral or big sanctuary / Festive lunch at the place.....

WHERE TO START?

We may make a project team composed of, for example:

- 1 project manager: general coordinator of days in a diocese, subordinate to an appropriate bishop.
- 1 logistics team leader.
- 1 leader of program team and liturgical celebrations.
- 1 finance manager.
- 1 communication manager.
- 1 secretary (reports from meetings).
- We may also assign one or a couple of persons in a precarious situation.

These persons must be competent and experienced, known for their ability to unify, especially different assistance movements for people in need, which operates within a diocese.

Location, date and time

- To choose location for great celebration on 18th November, the culmination of the World Day of the Poor: cathedral, basilica, big local sanctuary... Why this place? Which grace do we expect from this meeting? In which manner does the Mass become part of this initiative: vigil, meals, time spent together...?
- Can we organize, near this place, big lunch to which all the needy are invited, as the Pope Francis did in Paul VI Audience Hall during the 1st World Day?
- Choose one of the Saints, local activist for the poorest as a patron?
- Check the dates and organizational capacities
- Book the place.

Clearly define the scope of responsibility of every person involved

- **Logistics:** Supply, food / table service (in partnership with local aid association for the need...) / signage / inscriptions, if necessary.. - Insurance, if necessary.. - Transport (arrival and departure) - Decorations - Sacristy - Technical equipment (microphones, sound system..) - Name badges - Eventually scarves or T-shirts - Reception at site - Posters with program of days - Animator, «Custodian of Time»...
- **Finance:** Budget, obtaining funds or partners (restaurant owners, catering...), support of an association for needy... Experience has taught us that it may be easy to encourage big as well as small donors in the case of such project.
- **Communication:** Contact with local press, press releases, press point... website and diocesan media, transfer of information from **Fratello**, contact with local Christian radio, information in parishes, posters and flyers, newsletter, social networks...
- **Program and Liturgy:** Correspondence addressed to movements and associations for help of the needy - preparation of liturgy (vigil, Eucharist, feet washing, confession ceremony...) in the participation with persons in difficult situation and with local liturgical groups - Time for conversation or free time - Pilgrim handbook (local program, songs and practical information) - Music, special music group...

HOW TO MOVE FORWARD?

Nothing can be done, if the team does not form a real community. During work meetings, it is essential to experience together the meeting, prayers, sharing and conversation. Experience indicates that the common prayer by the common rest, common meals.. affects the effectiveness in a positive manner. If the team members like each other, they listen to themselves and pray together, they can accomplish more.

Project Management

- Regular meetings to control the progress of work.
- Preparation of reports for each meeting to not to forget about anything and provide every member of the team and the coordinator of the day, bishop, **Fratello** team with it.
- Development of meeting schedule.
- Development of schedule of tasks, priorities, update it after each coordination meeting.
- Establishment of budget concerning every expected expense (renal of equipment, printing of documents, name badges, scarves...).
- Preparation and sending invitations containing practical information (locations, dates, project of the program...).
- Regularly inform **Fratello** about the progress of the preparation.

PROGRAM

It is necessary to develop a precise program. Proposals made by **Fratello** are only suggestions. They must be adapted to the culture of the diocese, country; we should take into consideration unexpected situations, update them on an ongoing basis...

It seems to us that the vigil (during which people may confess or talk with a priest); day of testimony and sharing, Mass and meals constitute an effectively operating sequence (experienced in Rome in 2016), which makes it possible to organize the day of particular duration in advance.

A couple of general suggestions are as follows:

- Be careful not to overload the program, leave time in the case of unexpected situations.
- Organize the procession to a sanctuary: it helps in a prayer, conversion, gives the feeling that we are expected.
- The first day, time for vigil and reconciliation, perfectly on Friday, 16th November.
- On the next day, Saturday, 17th November, the day of testimony and conversations to explore the subject of the day: «This poor man cried and the Lord heard him»
- Sunday, 18th November, Mass for the poorest, with the bishop and the meal of friendship.
- Provide rest time after the lunch and at the evening.
- Outside the program (in the morning or evening), introduce daily meeting of the coordination team to evaluate the last day, review the program for the next day, think whether someone requires more attention...
- Send «missionary-disciples» in advance to encourage excluded persons to participate in the celebration.
- Consider the Pope's letter for this day in 2018.
- On 18th November, assign persons who will participate in the closest world days in 2019.
- Address church communities to remember about this event in their prayer.

Ceremony and vigil

As far as liturgical ceremony is concerned (Eucharist, Reconciliation..), we should consult with the priest or person, who conducts the ceremony to establish, which of the following is necessary:

Liturgy not only for the poor, but with their participation.

They must feel explicitly invited to participate in the readings, intentions in believers' prayer, bringing gifts...

- The ceremony of feet (or hands) washing, sign of conversion.
- Time for adoration, prayer vigil, prayer of the poor.
- Celebration of the holy life or grace coming from the place of pilgrimage.
- Testimony, biography of saints.
- Ceremony of sending, during which everyone receives an item, symbol to bring it home (an image, cross, medallion...).

PRactical MATTERS

Preparation from 12th to 16th November

We send the example online, which will be helpful to prepare the prayer for these days.

Handbook for the World Day of the Poor

- Team **Fratello** propose a pattern of the handbook. It should be adjusted depending on the diocese, culture and tradition, program, the place of pilgrimage, songs and saints...
- It would be perfect, if everyone was given a handbook. It includes subject for every day, program, description of place and its history, a couple of words about the saint or stories from his/her life, songs. It includes

one blank page for each day to write what you like most and, at the end, address of new friends, their date of birth...

Badges

Each participant must have an identifier or a badge, where his/her name, surname, city/town should be stated.

Security

- Make sure that one or more doctors and nurses are present and whether it is possible to contact with them at any time.
- It should be assured that nobody feels lonely or rejected.

TOOLS

- Website (coming soon): wearefratello.org
- Extranet: codes coming soon.
- Posters, flyers, invitations: models delivered by **Fratello**.
- Sweatshirts or T-Shirts: models delivered by **Fratello**, print - locally?
- Pilgrim Handbook: worldwide model delivered by **Fratello**, to be completed locally.
- Film with Pope's message? We hope so!
- Retransmission of the event? Multiplex?

TEAM

Feel lost?

You may contact with **our team** at any time: :

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