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“Learn from the style
of Jesus, who went
to the places of daily life,
stopped without rushing
and, looking upon his
brothers and sisters
with mercy, led them
to an encounter
with God the father.”

— POPE FRANCIS





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“My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off; it is not an ‘extra’ or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing. All around us we begin to see nurses with soul, teachers with soul, politicians with soul, people who have chosen deep down to be with others and for others. But once we separate our work from our private lives, everything turns gray and we will be always seeking recognition or asserting our needs. We stop being a people.”

— POPE FRANCIS, *Evangelii Gaudium*



Stefano Spaziani

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“We are living in an information-driven society which bombards us indiscriminately with data — all treated as being of equal importance — and which leads to remarkable superficiality in the area of moral discernment. In response, we need to provide an education which teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values.”

— POPE FRANCIS, *Evangelii Gaudium*



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“Hope is what drives ‘sharing the journey of life,’ as the Caritas campaign we are inaugurating today reminds us. Brothers and sisters, we are not afraid to share the journey! We are not afraid to share hope!”

Pope Francis, General Audience, September 29, 2017, announcing the “Share the Journey” campaign with Caritas International.



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“Love requires a creative, concrete response. Good intentions are not enough. The other is not a statistic, but a person to take care of.”

Pope Francis



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“I do not grow tired of repeating that indifference is a virus that is dangerously contagious in our time, a time when we are ever more connected with others, but are increasingly less attentive to others. ... Indeed, to prepare a truly human future, rejecting evil is not enough; we need to build the common good together.”

Pope Francis
Clementine Hall, Vatican City
Monday, Jan. 29, 2018



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“The memory of [the Catholic Church’s] long history of service to the sick is cause for rejoicing on the part of the Christian community, and especially those presently engaged in this ministry.”

Pope Francis

Message for World Day of the Sick 2018



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“We cannot remain silent in the face of the suffering of millions of people whose dignity is wounded, nor can we continue to move forward as if the spread of poverty and injustice has no cause.”

Pope Francis

Message to the World Economic Forum

Jan. 22, 2018, Davos, Switzerland



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“Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together in the situations we are called to live every day.”

Pope Francis
@Pontifex 7/18/18



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“We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.”

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, “On Care for Our Common Home”

May 24, 2015



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“Today we cannot be satisfied simply with being aware of the problems faced by many of our brothers and sisters. It is not enough to offer broad reflections or engage in endless discussion, constantly repeating things everyone knows. We need to ‘de-naturalize’ extreme poverty, to stop seeing it as a statistic rather than a reality. Why? Because poverty has a face! It has the face of a child; it has the face of a family; it has the face of people, young and old.”

Pope Francis, World Food Program, June 13, 2016



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The fight against poverty and hunger must be fought constantly and on many fronts, especially in its causes.

Pope Francis, Address to U.S. Congress, Sept. 24, 2015



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Against the backdrop and in the context of the great problems of our time, theology and art must therefore continue to be animated and elevated by the power of the Spirit, which is the source of strength, joy and hope.

Nov. 17, 2018, Vatican City, Pope Francis' comments at the awarding of the Ratzinger Prize.



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A young person stands on two feet as adults do, but unlike the adults whose feet are parallel, he always has one foot forward, ready to set out, to spring ahead. Always racing onward. To talk about young people is to talk about promise and to talk about joy.

Pope Francis, *God Is Young*, p. 4



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We can find no social or moral justification, no justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing.

Pope Francis, address to Catholic Charities' clients at St. Patrick's Church, Washington, D.C., 2015



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To Mary, Queen of Peace ... I entrust once again the anxieties and sorrows of the people who suffer in many parts of the world due to natural disasters, social tensions or conflicts.

Pope Francis to pilgrims gathered
in St. Peter's Square, Aug. 15, 2017



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To go forward it is necessary to love. The question to ask is not “how much do these things I must do burden me?” but rather, “how much love do I put into these things that I am doing now?” One who loves has the imagination to discover solutions where others see only problems.

Pope Francis to the U.N.’s Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Feb. 14, 2019



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“The overriding consideration, never to be forgotten, is that we are all members of the one human family. The moral obligation to care for one another flows from this fact, as does the correlative principle of placing the human person, rather than the mere pursuit of power or profit, at the very center of public policy.”

Pope Francis in a message to the 2020 World Economic Forum delegates in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, Jan. 21, 2020



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“Today I wish to emphasize that the problem of intolerance must be confronted in all its forms: wherever any minority is persecuted and marginalized because of its religious convictions or ethnic identity, the well-being of society as a whole is endangered and each one of us must feel affected.”

Pope Francis at Simon Wiesenthal Center in Rome, October 2013



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“Nurses have historically played a central role in health care. Every day, in their contact with the sick, they experience the trauma caused by suffering in people’s lives. They are men and women who have chosen to say ‘yes’ to a very special vocation: that of being good Samaritans who are concerned for the life and suffering of others. They are guardians and preservers of life, who, even as they administer necessary treatments, offer courage, hope and trust.”

Pope Francis message to mark International Nurses Day,
from Saint John Lateran in Rome, May 12, 2020



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“I would like to invite young people to make a gesture of tenderness toward the elderly, especially those who are alone, at home and in residences, those who for many months have not seen loved ones. Send them a hug. They are your roots.”

— Pope Francis at Vatican City on July 26, 2020,
the feast day of Sts. Anne and Joachim, Jesus’ grandparents



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“In these days, my thoughts turn especially to the elderly and infirm, and those who generously care for them. Upon all of you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!”

— Pope Francis, General Audience at Vatican City on September 16, 2020



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Do you have a feeling of failure or inadequacy, the fear that you will never emerge from the dark tunnel of trial? God says to you, “Have courage, I am with you.” He does this not in words, but by making himself a child with you and for you. In this way, he reminds you that the starting point of all rebirth is the recognition that we are children of God.

— Pope Francis homily, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord,
Vatican Basilica, Dec. 24, 2020



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“As stewards of God’s creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling.”

— Pope Francis from written remarks at the University of Santo Tomas,
Manila, Philippines, on Jan. 18, 2015



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“Patients often felt they had ‘angels’ at their side, who helped them recover their health and, at the same time, comforted, supported, and at times accompanied them to the threshold of the final encounter with the Lord.”

— Pope Francis’ address at the Vatican to doctors, nurses and health care workers from Italy’s Lombardy region on June 20, 2020



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“I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love. No matter how small, love is always grand.”

— PSA from Pope Francis, along with members of the clergy, promoting the COVID-19 vaccines, released on Aug. 18, 2021



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“The process of healing also needs to include the pursuit of truth, not for the sake of opening old wounds, but rather as a necessary means of promoting justice, healing and unity.”

— Pope Francis’ address at welcome ceremony in Colombo, Sri Lanka, January 13, 2015



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“We must move forward together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity and solidarity, cooperating generously for the common good.”

— Pope Francis’ address to a joint session of U.S. Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on September 24, 2015



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“Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation.”

— Pope Francis’ address to staff and clients of Catholic Charities at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Washington, D.C., on September 24, 2015

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“Life is a time for making decisive, eternal choices. Trivial choices lead to a trivial life; great choices to a life of greatness.”

— Pope Francis tweet on December 13, 2021





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“This parable (of the Good Samaritan) ... shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbors ...”

— Pope Francis’ address to representatives of the Italian National Federation of Radiographers and the Technical, Rehabilitation and Prevention Health Professions in Clementine Hall in Vatican City on January 16, 2023



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“We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal and raise up.”

— Pope Francis’ message on January 10, 2023, ahead of the 31st World Day of the Sick



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“Human dignity is the basis of justice, while the recognition of every person’s inestimable worth is the force that impels us to work, with enthusiasm and self-sacrifice, to overcome all disparities.”

— Pope Francis’ message delivered on November 18, 2017, at the Vatican’s New Synod Hall to participants of the 32nd International Conference on the theme Addressing Global Health Inequalities

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