



The Holy See

POPE FRANCIS **ANGELUS** *Saint Peter's Square*

Sunday, 25 September 2016 [\[Multimedia\]](#)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yesterday, Engelmar Unzeitig was beatified in Würzburg, Germany. This priest of the Congregation of Mariannahill Missionaries was killed in hatred of the Faith in Dachau concentration camp. He countered hatred with love, and he responded to ferocity with meekness. May his example help us to be witnesses of charity and hope even in the midst of trials.

I willingly extend my support to the Bishops of Mexico in sustaining the efforts of the Church and civil society in favour of the family and of life, which at this time call for special pastoral and cultural attention throughout the world. I assure you of my prayers for the beloved Mexican people, that the violence, which in recent days has even affected several priests, may cease.

Today marks World Deaf Day. I wish to greet all deaf people, who are also gathered here, and to encourage them to offer their contribution to make the Church and society increasingly capable of welcoming everyone.

And lastly I extend my special greeting to all of you, dear catechists! Thank you for your commitment to the Church through the service of evangelization, in passing on the Faith. May Our Lady help you to persevere on the path of faith and to bear witness with your lives to what you transmit in the catechesis.