



# The Holy See

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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

***ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE LUNCH WITH THE POOR***

*Paul VI Audience Hall  
Sunday, 19 November 2017*

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**[Multimedia]**

*Welcome everyone!*

Let us prepare for this moment together. Each of us, with our heart filled with good will and friendship toward others, to share a lunch as we wish the best for one another.

Now let us pray that the Lord bless us: bless this meal; bless those who have prepared it; bless us all; bless our hearts, our families, our wishes, our lives, and give us health and strength. Amen.

A blessing also for all those who are in other cafeterias around Rome, because Rome is filled with this [event] today. A greeting and a round of applause for them from here!