



The Holy See

*MESSAGE TO THE XII WORLD FOOD DAY**

On the occasion of the twelfth World Food Day, His Holiness Pope John Paul II expresses his deep esteem for all those in different parts of the world who are working to promote ever more effective efforts to set mankind free from the scourge of hunger, thereby acknowledging the fundamental right of each individual to living conditions in keeping with human dignity. The theme of nutrition which is at the heart of this year's celebration of World Food Day evokes the reality of that increasingly impoverished portion of humanity suffering from hunger and malnutrition in a world which possesses the ways and means needed to put an end to this persistent plague.

His Holiness expresses the hope that the international community and FAO in particular will reflect on the message of this world day, promote genuine nutritional welfare, ensure the access of every country to adequate food supplies and thus bring about true solidarity between all peoples.

Offering his encouragement to all those who with different responsibilities in the various countries are observing this world day, His Holiness invokes upon them the abundant blessings of almighty God

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