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Today we also remember the 30th anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati, the young man of the Beatitudes. John Paul II proposed Piergiorgio as a model of clear Christian witness, a young saint who showed us how "faith, lived in an intelligent and generous way, also favors civil and social progress".

We could say today that Blessed Pier Giorgio is an example for us as the young man of the Beatitudes, the young man next door, always cheerful, the friend of all young people, the young man who cares for the poor.

He promoted the Catholic Church's social teaching. Pier Giorgio gave to help the poor, even using his bus fare for charity and then running home to be on time for meals. The poor and the suffering were his masters, and he was literally their servant, which he considered a privilege. His charity did not simply involve giving something to others, but giving completely of himself.

Piergiorgio was a young Laudato Si who knew how to live his faith also in the contemplation of beauty, in the respect of nature and in the concrete political commitment for the poor of his time, living fully the ideal of integral ecology that Pope Francis proposed to us in Laudato Si.

We therefore take as providential the coincidence of the 30th anniversary of his beatification on 20th May 1990 with the week Laudato si 2020. We invite you to get to know this young man of the Beatitudes and to pray with the special intention that we may soon have the grace of his canonization.

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