

## ON THE ROAD WITH SAN FRANCISCO

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#### 1. Welcome

#### Dear sisters, dear brothers,

It is a great joy to meet again, coming from so many countries, cities and towns,... to feel close !!... everyone is welcome !!

**AFRICA...** Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

AMERICA... Argentina, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela.

**ASIA...** India, Indonesia, Pilipinas, Holy Land.

EUROPE... Albania, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Hungary, Romania, Portugal and Ukraine.

We continue to walk together in this time of Creation, assuming and accompanying the pains that the pandemic has accentuated, we do so with a hopeful and missionary gaze in the name of Jesus Christ Lord of history.

As Pilgrim Church and family of Catholic Action gathered in this international Forum we began this special Laudato'si year and in May we assumed ourselves together as "Guardians of the Work of God", in June we reflected on the need to "Unite the whole family human in the search for a sustainable and integral development", in July we reflected on the" Universal Fraternity, and Politics with a Capital P", in August we received from the Youth Coordination their work proposal on the Christus Vivit of Pope Francis, beautiful a song of life and hope, in September we proposed "The Courage to Change to get better out of this Pandemic"; And today we want to affirm that we are on

the Way with Saint Francis of Assisi, we want to pray together with Friar Matteo of the Lesser Franciscan Order, Commissioner of the Holy Land; We want to grow in the spirit of Saint Francis with the help of Mons. Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop of Assisi, and we want to share experiences of brotherhood and joint action of Catholic Action with other ecclesial organizations and of community and social life from Italy, Argentina, Burundi and Albania.

We do that on the eve of receiving the third encyclical letter of Pope Francis "BROTHERS ALL" on fraternity and social friendship.

Friends,... "San Francisco is the quintessential example of caring for the weak and of an integral ecology, lived with joy and authenticity. ... He loved and was loved for his joy, his generous dedication, his universal heart". Laudato si 10.

- 2. Now we pray together with Fr. Matteo Brena, Commissary of the Holy Land
- 3. Mons. Domenico Sorrentino, with you we are all going to Assisi...

Most of the inhabitants of the planet declare themselves believers, and this should make religions enter into a dialogue between them oriented to the care of nature, the defense of the poor, the construction of networks of respect and brotherhood. Ls 201

- 4. We are in the special year of the Laudato's anniversary, and now we will share experiences of brotherhood of the CA with other organizations, in joint action...
- a. AC Italia Carlotta Benedetti, Secretary General
- b. AC Argentina Claudia Carbajal de Inzaurraga, National Vice President
- c. MAC Burundi Zénobé Niragira, member of the FIAC Africa Secretariat
- d. AC Albania Brikena Lazri, National Secretary

Caring for nature is part of a lifestyle that implies the capacity for coexistence and communion. Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers. Brotherly love can only be gratuitous, it can never be a payment for what another does or an advance for what we expect him to do. ... That is why we can speak of a universal brotherhood. Ls 228