



# The Holy See

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**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO THE DELEGATION OF THE "MOTHER TERESA AWARD"**

*Consistory Hall  
Saturday, 17 December 2022*

**[Multimedia]**

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I thank you for this visit so full of affection and full of messages: the message of poverty, the message of closeness, the message of brotherhood, the message of prayer, which is the legacy that Mother Teresa always gave us. Even prayer in dark moments, because this woman experienced true spiritual tempests with darkness inside, but she kept praying. Courageous!

May Mother Teresa, from heaven, help us to live out poverty with simplicity and prayer. Thus we can help others, and it is not merely charity, which is a good thing — charity is good, but it is pagan. Closeness, charity with prayer, are Christian. And this is good.

Now I will bless all of you.

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