



“CALL FOR MERCY-ING – A RENEWED WAY POST COVID”

“POPE FRANCIS CALLS US NOT ONLY TO **HAVE** MERCY OR TO **SHOW** MERCY, BUT TO **EMBODY** MERCY.

THE WORD EMPHASIZES THE ACTIVE ELEMENT OF MERCY, AS A FORCE THAT BINDS US, AND ENABLES US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER MORE FULLY.

THIS CALL FOR ‘MERCY-ING’ IS AT ONCE A CALL FOR HUMILITY AND A CALL TO GREATNESS.

IT PUSHES US TO LIVE OUT THE EXTRAORDINARY GOSPEL MESSAGE, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIGNITY OF OUR FELLOW TRAVELLERS ON THIS JOURNEY ...

IT IS A CALL TO ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE MOVED, TO PROCEED DELIBERATELY, WITH COMPASSION ...

IN SHORT, ‘MERCY-ING’ IS A CALL TO LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER WITH LOVE.

IT ALLOWS US TO REALIZE THE POWER OF WORDS, CLEARLY AND LOVINGLY SPOKEN, AND OF THE WORD, HUMBLY LIVED.”

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In this month of October, as we begin to wonder about a post-covid world, you are invited to take some time to reflect on Pope Francis’ most recent encyclical, which envisions a less populist, less capitalist world. He travelled to Assisi last weekend to commemorate the Feast of St Francis to sign this new encyclical named “Fratelli Tutti on Fraternity and Social Friendship”.

Click hear for a quick summary and reflection - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_ZhYIXs-Dk

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/faith-seeking-understanding/relationship-leads-us-peace-three-key-franciscan-themes>