

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE CHILDREN OF ITALIAN CATHOLIC ACTION**
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[...] In this regard, your charitable initiatives, with the help of God, in favour of migrants in the Diocese of Agrigento, are very good. May the Lord bless this project, which will lend a hand to the community committed in an exemplary manner to accommodate so many brothers and sisters who come full of hope, but also with many wounds and needs, in search of peace and bread. At yesterday's Audience, a five-month-old baby from Africa was presented to me by his parents and they said that the child "was born on a boat off the coast of Sicily".... Many, many... So many children manage to arrive while others do not. Everything you are doing for these people is good, thank you for doing it. You can make a special contribution to this initiative with your enthusiasm and your prayer, which I suggest you accompany with some sacrifice, in order to share necessities with other kids who are deprived. With regard to sacrifice, I would like to ask you kids a question, not the adults. If you have two pieces of candy and your friend beside you has none, what would you do? What would you do? [A child responds: "I'd give him one"]. You give one to him. And if you have one piece of candy and he has none, what would you do? [A child answers: "Split it in half!"]. Half! That's good! Continue like this. [...]