

Pope Francis' Address
To Members of the Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Directorate
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[...] Society has great confidence in your professionalism and experience as investigating magistrates, committed to fighting and eradicating organized crime. I urge you to devote all your efforts particularly to the fight against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants: these are very serious crimes that strike the weakest of the weak! In this regard, we need to increase activities to protect victims by providing legal and social assistance to our brothers and sisters in search of peace and a future. Those who flee their country because of war, violence and persecution have the right to find adequate shelter and appropriate protection in countries that claim to be civilized. [...]