

**SPEECH OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
TO THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS) E
TO THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF AFRICA
(WHITE SISTERS)**

Sala Clementina
Friday, 8 February 2019

[Link](#)

[...]

The Holy Spirit make you bridges builders among men. Where the Lord has sent you, you can help grow a culture of encounter, be at the service of a dialogue that, while respecting differences, knows how to draw wealth from the diversity of others. And I thank you in particular for the work you have already done in favor of dialogue with Islam, with the Muslim sisters and brothers. With the style and simplicity of your way of life, you also manifest the need to take care of our common home, the earth. Finally, in the wake of Cardinal Lavignerie, you are called to sow hope, fighting against all today's forms of slavery; making you neighbors of the small and the poor, of those who wait, in the peripheries of our societies, to be recognized in their dignity, to be welcomed, protected, raised, accompanied, promoted and integrated.

[...]