

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION**

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This is why I want to thank you for what you do. Because you help us not to forget the lives that are suffocated before they are even born; those who, as soon as they are born, are extinguished by hunger, hardship, lack of care, wars; the lives of child soldiers, the lives of violated children. Help us not to forget the many women and men persecuted for their faith or their ethnicity. If I may ask a question, who speaks today about the Rohingya? Who speaks today about the Yazidis? They are forgotten yet they continue to suffer. Help us not to forget that those forced – by calamities, wars, terrorism, hunger and thirst – to leave their homeland are not numbers, but faces, stories, a yearning for happiness. Your President spoke about migrants: we must not forget this Mediterranean, which is turning into a cemetery. [...]