

POPE FRANCIS
ANGELUS
Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 14 January 2018

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After the Angelus:

Dear brothers and sisters, today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This morning I celebrated Mass with a large group of migrants and refugees residing in the Diocese of Rome. In my Message for this Day I emphasized that migrations today are a sign of the times. "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43)".... In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs" which are founded on the principles of the Doctrine of the Church: "to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate". From now on, for pastoral reasons, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on the second Sunday of September. The next, namely, the 105th, will be on Sunday, 8 September 2019.

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