



The Holy See

**VIDEO MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE INITIATIVE "BE GOD'S MERCY"
ORGANIZED BY THE PONTIFICAL FOUNDATION 'AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED'**

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I want to urge all men and women of good will throughout the world to carry out a work of mercy in every city, in every diocese, and in every association. We, men and women, need God's mercy, but we also need each other's mercy. We need to take each other's hand, caress each other, take care of each other and not wage so many wars.

I have here before me the dossier prepared by Aid to the Church in Need", the Pope said, "which is a pontifical foundation with the goal of carrying out works of charity throughout the world. I entrust this task to Aid to the Church in Need, and I trust that it will continue with the spirit inherited from Fr Werenfried van Straaten who, in his time, had the vision to implement these gestures of closeness, proximity, kindness, love and of mercy in the world.

Therefore, I invite all of you, together with Aid to the Church in Need, to carry out works of mercy that will last, a structure for the many needs that exist in the world today. Thank you for everything that you do", the Pope concluded, "and do not be afraid of mercy: mercy is the caress of God.