



# The Holy See

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**MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER  
TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE “MEAL OF ENCOUNTER”  
IN THE “SAINT JOHN PAUL II” CARITAS SOUP KITCHEN  
IN VIA MARSALA, ROME**

*Dear Brother and Dear Sisters,*

With this message I wish to encourage you to continue your journey with migrants and refugees, and to share a meal with them, like the one organized here by *Caritas*.

As *Caritas*, you have accepted the invitation to start a global awareness initiative in support of migrants and refugees: it is the “Share the Journey” campaign, which we inaugurated together last 27 September. Today, I would like to invite you all — migrants, refugees, *Caritas* workers and institutions — to identify the traits of this journey that have had the most impact on you: what hope inspires your path? Try to share this thought and to “celebrate” what we have in common.

Finally, I wish to encourage you members of *Caritas*, the community of faithful with its pastors, and all people of good will, to always create new spaces for sharing, so that a renewed fraternity with migrants and refugees may emerge from our encounters.

I heartily bless your soup kitchen, and I wish you a good lunch.

*From the Vatican, 19 June 2018*

**Francis**