



The Holy See

LUNCH WITH THE POOR ASSISTED BY THE DIOCESE OF ALBANO
AND WITH THE DIOCESAN CARITAS WORKERS

GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

Borgo Laudato si' (Castel Gandolfo)
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17 August 2025

[Multimedia]

Perhaps just a couple of words.

Many of you have already heard me [this morning at Holy Mass](#), but it has come to my mind, I would like to share before this gesture which is so meaningful for us all of *breaking bread*, breaking bread together, the gesture with which Jesus Christ is recognized among his people; it is the Holy Mass, but it is also being all together around the table, sharing the gifts the Lord has given us.

I thank everyone from Diocesan Caritas, Your Excellency, for this welcome, this possibility to share, also in such a beautiful place that reminds us of the beauty of nature, of creation, but which also makes us think that the most beautiful creature is the one created in the image and semblance of God, which is all of us. And each one of us represents, in this regard, that image of God, and how important it is always to remember that we find precisely this presence of God in every person. And, therefore, being gathered here this afternoon, in this lunch, is also living together with God, in this communion, in this fraternity.

Many thanks to all of you who are present here. And let us now ask for the Lord's blessing on the gifts we are about to receive, on all those who have worked to bring this lunch to us, the gifts that we share – Borgo Laudato si' and so many others – that make this beautiful feast possible.

In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bless us, Lord, and these gifts we receive from Your Providence. Help us to live always united in your love, you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Enjoy your meal, everyone!

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