

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

"Even Just One of These Children"

A COMPLEX REALITY OF VULNERABILITY

THE FLIGHT FROM

-  WAR
-  POVERTY
-  VIOLENCE
-  ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS
-  FORCED MARRIAGES

A PERILOUS JOURNEY

-  FAMILY SEPARATIONS
-  TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION
-  EXTREME CONDITIONS
-  TRAUMATIC EVENTS
-  REPATRIATIONS

Love can overcome indifference

"Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith,
for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord."

WITHIN THE HORIZON OF THE DIFFERENT RELIGIONS

- ◆ shared humanitarian and spiritual responsibility
- ◆ networks of protection
- ◆ respect of cultural identity

IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES

- ◆ empathetic listening
- ◆ safeguarding of fundamental rights
- ◆ restore the warmth of a family hearth

IN THE CONTEXT OF CIVIL INSTITUTIONS

- ◆ legal instruments of protection
- ◆ family reunification
- ◆ guaranteeing welcome and integration

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ educational and spiritual paths
- ◆ prevent solitude and rejection
- ◆ promote encounter and integration

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