

BUILDING THE FUTURE

Pope Francis, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Francis and official teachings
of the Roman Catholic Church

RENEWED COMMITMENT

... We are called to renew our commitment to building a future that conforms ever more fully to God's plan of a world in which everyone can live in peace and dignity.

BUILDING BLOCK

Righteousness is one of the building blocks of God's kingdom. In our daily efforts to do the Lord's will, justice needs to be built up with patience, sacrifice, and determination, so that all those who hunger and thirst for it may be satisfied (cf. Mt 5:6).

NO EXCLUSIONS

No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built *with them*, for without them it would not be the kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's kingdom.



RECOGNIZE AND VALUE

Building the future with migrants and refugees also means recognizing and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction.

CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY

The presence of migrants and refugees represents a great challenge, but at the same time an immense opportunity for the cultural and spiritual growth of everyone. Thanks to them, we have the chance to know better our world and its beautiful diversity. We can grow in our common humanity and build together an ever greater sense of togetherness.

NEW ENERGY

... The arrival of Catholic migrants and refugees can energize the ecclesial life of the communities that welcome them. Often they bring an enthusiasm that can revitalize our communities and enliven our celebrations. Sharing different expressions of faith and devotions offers us a privileged opportunity for experiencing more fully the catholicity of the People of God.

BEGIN NOW

If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees. Let us build the future today! For the future begins today and it begins with each one of us. We cannot leave to future generations the burden of responsibility for decisions that need to be made now, so that God's plan for the world may be realized and His Kingdom of justice, fraternity, and peace may come.

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