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More bodies recovered, while many more remain missing after recent Mediterranean tragedy

Another tragedy in the Mediterranean Sea. Pope Francis at the Sunday *Angelus* turned his thoughts to the lives lost in yet another tragedy.

Addressing the faithful gathered in Saint Peter's Square, the Pope explained that just off the coast of Calabria in Italy, more than 60 bodies, including the bodies of many children, have been recovered.

At the Angelus Holy Father prays for migrants lost at sea

"I pray for each one of them", said the Pope, "for the missing, and for the migrants who have survived", he added.

The Holy Father also expressed his gratitude towards all those who

participated in the rescue operations, as well as to all those who offer welcome to those seeking refuge.

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Crotone, (Remo Casilli, Reuters)

'I stand at the door and knock'

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"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Rev 3:20).

Once upon a time there was a house in the middle of a beautiful lush valley. It was surrounded by desert, but that valley was truly beautiful and luscious. The house was beautiful too, big, with many rooms, a well for water and a fireplace with which to keep warm throughout the winter.

As time passed, things changed. Some of the dwellers of the house left, some of the children went abroad, while others simply died without having had children of their own. The rooms became empty, and only two people were left living in the house. They stayed there, inside, and stopped going outside. They no longer had lunch at the large table in the dining room but ate their meals in the kitchen in a cold silence interrupted only by the television. The two stayed there, growing older. They were no longer able to go to the well to draw water because their muscles had atrophied, and they were thus dying of thirst.

A consultant, an expert from the municipality, offered them two alternatives: take in a young foreigner to help out, to whom they could offer meals and one of the many remaining empty rooms, or spend a bit more money and make a canal which, with a simple click on the computer, could bring water from the well to the kitchen faucet. They chose the latter option.

The house however began to go to ruin. The wooden beams and the walls began to creak in a sinister way. Every now and again it

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Pope Francis to visit Hungary

Accepting the invitation of the civil and ecclesial Authorities, His Holiness Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Hungary from 28 to 30 April 2023, visiting the city of Budapest.

The last time the Holy Father was in Budapest was on 12 September 2021, when he celebrated Holy Mass at the International Eucharistic Congress before continuing on to Slovakia for his Apostolic Journey.

"Christ is our future" is the motto that will accompany Pope Francis' 41st Apostolic Journey abroad. It appears in the logo for the upcoming visit. The central part of the logo is the Budapest Chain Bridge, the oldest Hungarian bridge over the Danube. A symbol of the capital city and the Nation, it was originally built to connect the cities of Buda and Pest. It evokes the idea, often referred to by the Holy Father, of the importance of building bridges between people.

The colours of the Holy See (yellow and white) and of Hungary (red, white and green) meet on the two piers of the bridge. The logo is bordered by a circle symbolizing both the Eucharist and the world redeemed by Christ.

On the left side of the circle is a cross recalling the Address given by Pope Francis on 12 September 2021 in Budapest, in which he expressed the hope that the cross might become a bridge between the past and the future.



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