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## At the General Audience the Holy Father recalls the 60th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's Encyclical May politicians draw inspiration from 'Pacem in Terris'

Today, the world is increasingly tried by wars and straying from God. We need the Mercy of the Father even more, Pope Francis told pilgrims gathered in Saint Peter's Square for the weekly General Audience, on Wednesday, 12 April. He reminded the faithful of the upcoming celebration of Divine Mercy

Sunday, on 16 April.

Pope Francis also recalled the 60th anniversary of Pope Saint John XXIII's 1963 Encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, highlighting that the landmark Encyclical dedicated to peace was written at the height of tensions during the Cold War.

He encouraged everyone to read the Encyclical, and urged politi-

cians to draw inspiration from it as they make policy decisions.

Finally, Pope Francis once again asked everyone to pray for Ukraine. "Let us persevere in prayer for battered Ukraine," he said. "Let us pray to ease the great suffering of Ukraine".

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## End this war and all the bloodshed in our world

### The Pope's appeal at the 'Urbi et Orbi'



## Repeaters of the Gospel

ANDREA MONDA

There is a word that Pope Francis uses parsimoniously because he knows its true value and he safeguards it, in a contemporary world that often consumes words, overusing them and therefore emptying them of meaning. It is a word which, although rarely uttered, is discretely hidden within and below like an underground wellspring of many papal gestures and discourses. This word is "humility". It is a virtue that in a way is "fleeting" to the point that it is not contemplated in the usual lists of virtues, an ambiguous virtue that is difficult to understand and easy to misunderstand, somewhat elusive and paradoxical because when one thinks one has it, that is precisely the moment when one has lost it. It makes one agree with Jesuit Father François Varillon, who at the beginning of his essay, *The Humility and Suffering of God*, stated that only God is humble. Man is not so, except when he is able to admit that he is incapable of being humble. The "success" of humility coincides with his failure.

During Holy Week, this virtue of humility emerged because this is "the time of paradox" par excellence. Last Sunday we retraced Je-

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Let us persevere in invoking the gift of peace

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Along the rivers of the Peruvian Amazon

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His Mercy endures forever!

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