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At the General Audience on Wednesday

## The Church needs hearts that draw people to love

The Holy Father laid a white rose before the relic of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a saint to whom he is particularly devoted. He then turned his gaze to the

other reliquary that contained the relics of her parents – Louis Martin and Marie Zélie Guérin, who were canonized in 2015. Thus began the General Audience in Saint Peter's Square on Wednesday morning, 7 June. The two relics were placed in the square to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of the young French Carmelite nun and the centenary of her beatification.

Saint Thérèse reminds us that charity and intercessory prayers, even more than projects and programmes, are essential in spreading the Gospel. As he recalled the Saint, the Pope invited the faithful to imitate the "Little Way" of Saint Thérèse, by doing even the littlest of things, like the Lord did, with great love.

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## Pope recovering from surgery

At the end of the General Audience on Wednesday, 7 June, Pope Francis was admitted to Rome's A. Gemelli University Hospital to undergo a laparotomy and abdominal wall surgery under general anaesthesia, that same afternoon. The Holy See Press Office reported that the surgery and general anaesthesia were carried out without any complications and that the Holy Father had responded well to the surgery. On Thursday, 8 June, the Solemnity of *Corpus Domini*, the Pope received the Eucharist at the hospital. In order "to allow for a normal post-operative course and full functional recovery", Pope Francis is expected to remain in hospital for several days, and will be unable to participate in the World Meeting on Human Fraternity, which will take place on Saturday, 10 June, in Saint Peter's Square and simultaneously in eight other cities around the world.

Please see next week's edition for coverage of the event.

## Cardinal Matteo Zuppi's mission in Ukraine

A series of meetings and moments of prayer marked Pope Francis' special envoy Cardinal Matteo Zuppi's two-day visit to Ukraine. Cardinal Zuppi, President of the Italian Episcopal Conference, concluded his visit to Kyiv on Tuesday, 6 June, following an intense schedule of meetings with civil and religious authorities, a meeting with President Volodymyr Zelensky, and time dedicated to prayer and reflection in a country devastated by 15 months of war. According to the Holy See Press Office, "the results of these talks, like those with the Religious Representatives, as well as the direct experience of the atrocious suffering of the Ukrainian people due to the ongoing war, will be brought to the Holy Father's attention and will undoubtedly be useful in evaluating the steps to be continued both on the humanitarian level and in the search for paths to a just and lasting peace".

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## Pope Francis to make Apostolic Journey to Mongolia

Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Mongolia later this summer. Mr Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, made the official announcement in a statement released on Saturday, 3 June.

"Accepting the invitation of the President of Mongolia and the ecclesial authorities of the country," said Mr Bruni, "Pope Francis will make an Apostolic Journey to Mongolia from 31 August to 4 September this year". The visit's programme and further details will be released in the coming weeks.

Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, expressed his joy, in an interview, at the announcement of Pope Francis' Journey to Mongolia, calling it a "great encouragement" for the missionaries and faithful of the East Asian nation.

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