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At the General Audience the Pope's appeal that hostages be freed and access to humanitarian aid be granted

May the truce in Gaza continue

War is always a defeat for everyone except arms manufacturers

I hope that the truce underway in Gaza may continue, so that all the hostages may be freed, and the necessary humanitarian aid may be able to enter", Pope Francis said in an appeal for the Holy Land at the end of the General Audience on Wednesday, 29 November.

"Please, let us continue to pray for the serious situation in Israel and Palestine. Peace, please – peace", he urged.

Calling for the temporary ceasefire to be extended, the Holy Father mentioned his phone call with Gaza's Catholic parish of the Holy Family. "They don't have water; they don't have bread; and the people are suffering", he stressed. Indeed, he added "It is the ordinary people who suffer. Those who wage war do not suffer. Let us ask for peace".

Pope Francis then turned his attention to

Ukraine, calling on the faithful not to forget "the dear Ukrainian people, who are suffering so much", and are still at war. "War is always a defeat", Pope Francis concluded. "Everyone loses. Well, not everyone – there's a group that gains a lot. Those who make weapons. They earn a lot from the deaths of others".

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COP28 For the care of our common home

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May participants in #COP28 be strategists who focus on the common good and the future of their children, rather than the vested interests of certain countries or businesses. May they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame.

Pope's visit to Dubai cancelled to ensure full recovery

In a statement released on Friday, 1 December, the Director of the Holy See, Matteo Bruni, announced that "Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin will lead the Holy See Delegation already present in Dubai for COP28", where he will deliver "the contribution that the Holy Father would have liked to pronounce", on Saturday 2 December.

Cardinal Parolin will also participate in the inauguration of the Faith Pavilion at Expo City in Dubai on Sunday, 3 December, along with Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

Despite the improvement in Pope Francis' health following a recent lung inflammation, physicians had asked the Holy Father not to undertake his scheduled journey to Dubai, and he accepted their advice "with great regret", earlier this week.

THIS WEEK

Heroic virtues recognized

Ven. Mother Eliswa

DR SR SOOSAMMA ON PAGE 10

Gospel reflection

Of you my heart has spoken

FR NGUYEN ON PAGE 12

On the Apostolic Exhortation 'Evangelii Gaudium'

For the 10th anniversary of the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Holy Father sent a Message on Friday, 24 November, to participants in the symposium organized by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development



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Message to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Feast of Saint Andrew

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