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**Summary of Pope Francis Welcome Ceremony**

**Thanks for being here.**

**I’m delighted to hear the noise you’re making!**

**It is good to be in Lisbon.**

**You were invited here by me…yet above all it is Jesus who called you here! You are not here by accident. The Lord has called you. Each of is called by name. In Gods eyes we are precious children.**

**In Gods eyes we are precious children and he calls us…to make of us a unique and original masterpiece whose beauty we can only begin to glimpse.**

**At WYD May we be vibrant echoes of Gods call of love… despite what what our own eyes clouded negativity and dazzled by so many distractions….let these days be one when we realize in our hearts that we are loved just as we are. Today is a new starting point in our lives.**

**Dear friends, if Hod calls you by name- it means to him you are not a number but a face.**

**Your name is known, it appears on social networks and is processed by algorithms that associate it with likes & preferences - market research- yet it does not approach you in your uniqueness.**

**There are illusions in the virtual world and we must not be deceived - we can be promised many things - but these can leave us empty inside. Jesus is not like that. You truly matter to him.**

**Our Church is the community of the called- not of the best/ but those summoned to welcome the gift of being called.**

**You sent me letters. They are beautiful. You told me there are people who don’t accept you or think there is a place for me…also others said in my parish there is no room for mistakes.**

**Dear friends I want to make this clear to you who are allergic to dishonesty and to empty words, there is room for Everyone in the Church - wherever there is not please, we must make room, including for those who make mistakes, who fail or struggle. The Church had to be the home where the echo of Gods call to everyone resounds.**

**The lord does not close the door - but invites us to enter. He does not keep us distant. He welcomes us. Let us call each by name- God loves you all. God loves you.**

**Do not keep your questions to yourself.**

**Bring your questions to Jesus. In the dialogue of prayer God catches us off guard. God responds. He is not a search engine. God is your true friend. God asks you questions too.**

**The apostles were asking questions and waiting for answers from Jesus.**

**He took them by surprise - he sent them on a mission!- without proper preparation’no bag or purse’ He puts the same trust in you. The disciples returned from their mission with joy.**

**There is a happiness prepared for you that Jesus has prepared for you. Know that God is near. He just needs a small response on our part to fill our lives with wonder & joy.**

**You might say- I can’t do that. God calls you precisely amid our fears.**

**He doesn’t call those who feel capable but those who he makes capable!**

**God called many who made mistakes- none of them were perfect/ yet they were united in the Lord! Be connected to God- that’s the secret. It’s not easy- but connect to Gods call.**

**We have help from Mary. She takes us by the hand and shows us the way.**

**She is the greatest person in history. She was fully present to God.**

**To summarize- we are called by God. We are loved. Also remind everyone of the beauty of being loved by God and treasured. Also ask questions of Jesus who is expected us to speak frequently with him these days. Stay connected to him & his live- for in this way our joy will increase. I wish you a happy World Youth Day.**

**Pope Francis—Lisbon 3.8.23**

**Summary**

**Pope Francis - Stations of the Cross**

**Jesus is the way. In the Gospels we often find him on the road…. He keeps moving & shows concern for those around him. He stops before those who suffer and yet continue to hope. He listens to each persons story. He cares for everyone before resuming his journey.**

**Jesus shows us that God takes the first step. He seeks us where we are.**

**Christ became one of us. He experienced our loneliness and fears, abandonment and our death.**

**The son of God went up to Calvary in order to come down to encounter us. That is love.**

**The cross is at every wyd. The beauty of Christ crucified is the great paradox of our faith.**

**Tonight Jesus walks with us. He is journeying with - never stopping. Such is the way of the cross. He takes all our challenges - head on never slowing his pace.**

**Whey does Jesus hope for? He desires to open the windows of your soul/ to let in the fullness of his life and love. He wants to free your soul from sorrow and anything that dampens your enthusiasm to spur you to take risk of love.**

**Become an example of generosity. Jesus is fighting at your side. He never gives up.**

**Jesus wants to rekindle in you the light of beauty. To be people of hope. Let us bring him all our hopes for a church that reflects his image.**

**Jesus understands your wounds. Let us believe in the one who constantly seeks you. In Union with Jesus be his witness and declare ‘I believe’!**

**Put your trust in Jesus. Be witnesses of hope.**

**Summary**

**Pope Francis Vigil WYD**

**Mary just heard from angel - full of joy- joy is missionary. I ask you all here are you going to bring joy to others or keep it to yourself. Joy is missionary. Everything we have received is to prepare our lives for joy. Our ancestors our roots - are key our joy. Through these roots the joy is what we need to communicate- that’s the joy we bring the roots we are - is what we bring to others. (Check Christus Vivit etc) we need to find roots of joy.**

**Have you ever felt tired? Do you just give you? Do you believe someone who falls down is down? What do you need to do- get up… we need to get up- if you stay in the ground or stay there - you’ve lost hope! Pick your friend up/ get up- help someone up - look at them and help them to get up again!**

**How many times do we see this? Pope is animated- help them up! In order to do things in life/ we need to get up.**

**I love football! What’s behind football- a lot of training.**

**We all have a vocation to train! You do this by accompanying others! Walk with a goal each day if your life. Nothing is free in life. The only thing that’s free is the love of Jesus!**

**Let’s walk in hope, discover your roots& get up!**

**(He spoke off text etc a lot!)**

**Summary Pope Francis Homily – Sunday WYD**

After these exciting days- we can say like Peter- it is good for us to be here.

We can ask the question - what do we take back from the mountain…

To shine- Jesus face shone like the sun. Jesus was preparing the disciples for what was about to come. He was preparing them to face the dark. We too need light to face the darkness.

We do radiate light by putting ourselves in the spotlight- we radiate light when we welcome Jesus into our hearts.

The entire Christian teaching is in this Gospel. Listen to him! Listen to the Gospel/ God is love.

Be careful about being self centered. Listen!

Be not afraid- be fearless…these are the words of Jesus ….

We have enjoyed this week/ a week full of joy.

You might think you can’t bring this message home. You young people wish to change to world- young people you want to do new things. Young people you are the present and the future. I tell you young people- do not be afraid! This is your mantra- be not afraid.

Jesus is now looking at you he knows you, your heart, your sadness and knows when you fall- here in Lisbon Jesus is looking at you/ take courage do not be afraid!!