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Fifth World Day of the Poor
“The poor you will always have with you” (Mk 14: 7)

*Pope Francis meets the Poor in Assisi
Friday, 12 November 2021*

Now in its fifth year, the World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis with the aim of raising awareness of listening to the cry of the poor and suffering, will be celebrated on Sunday, 14 November 2021.

In preparation for this event, involving the entire Church, the Pope will make a private visit to Assisi on Friday 12 November, in the Basilica of *Santa Maria degli Angeli*. Pope Francis will meet privately with a group of 500 poor people from different parts of Europe and will spend some time listening to and praying with them.