

'HOW I WOULD LIKE A CHURCH THAT IS POOR, AND FOR THE POOR'

*Franciscus*



**POPE FRANCIS INVITES**

**POOR AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO JOIN HIM**

**IN ROME FROM 11 TO 13 NOVEMBER 2016**

*Fratello*  
ROME 2016

EUROPEAN FESTIVAL  
OF JOY AND MERCY

# THE BASIC CONCEPT



A  
**3-DAY**  
RETREAT

## ABOUT US

Fratello is an association which organises and hosts events with and for **people in situations of exclusion**, in partnership with associations working among them.

## WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

From 11 to 13 November, to mark the Jubilee of Mercy, **Pope Francis will preach a retreat** for people from all over Europe living in poverty. Fratello is organising this event for **6000 people**. The aim is to experience God's love and discover how much we are loved by Christ and his Church.

## AN INVITATION

3 exceptional days in Rome with Pope Francis in a retreat around the theme of the Jubilee of Mercy : **God, source of consolation, God, source of forgiveness, God, source of hope**. A unique moment of communion, fellowship and prayer within the Church.

## PAST EXPERIENCE

In 2014 we took a group of 200, including 150 homeless people, to Rome for a pilgrimage around the theme: 'All of us are called to be saints'. After 4 exceptional days of fellowship and prayer, and also a tour of Rome, the pilgrims attended the general audience on St Peter's Square and were able to meet the Pope. In view of **the great joy this major event brought to everyone**, we felt it important to repeat the experience, but this time for a larger group.

# OUR OBJECTIVES



EXTEND  
A

WELCOMING  
HAND

**'Whatever you did for the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did for me.'** By welcoming each other with all our weaknesses, we welcome Christ himself into the Church and into our lives.



OPEN THE  
CHURCH'S  
DOORS  
TO THE POOR  
AND NEEDY

**« A Church that is poor and for the poor! »** We want to show that the rightful place of society's most vulnerables is at the heart of the Church, not at its fringes.



A VERY  
SPECIAL  
MOMENT

**« Special moments help us through our daily lives »**

The aim is to give vulnerable people a chance to experience a very special moment **of prayer, peace and profound joy.** This is our chance to tell them: **'You are the jewels of the Church.'** This could be the beginning of a new life for them.



BEAR  
WITNESS  
TO OUR HOPE

We wish to experience a moment of fellowship together with **European groups** working with the poor and needy.

## WORLD-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS

The Holy Father reminds us that **the poor suffer not only material discrimination, but also social and spiritual discrimination.**

**The Festival of Joy and Mercy and these three very special days shared in Rome with 6000 brothers and sisters who live in poverty** are an opportunity for each participant to experience a personal encounter with the Giver of life and hope. An opportunity for each one of us to hear him say: **'You are precious in my sight'**. A chance to get back to the heart of Gospel.

To all participants, associations, donors, group leaders and public authorities: we hope that this invitation to pray together for the world and to experience God's mercy and tenderness will strike a chord in your hearts and open the way to **genuinely world-changing encounters.**

# THE PROGRAMME



**Friday, 11 November**

## GOD, SOURCE OF CONSOLATION

Morning prayer  
Breakfast

**Catechesis by Pope Francis**

*(All together)*

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Lunch

**Jubilee actions**

**Tour of Rome**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Free time**

*(In small groups)*

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Evening meal

Rest

**Saturday, 12 November**

## GOD, SOURCE OF FORGIVENESS

Morning prayer  
Breakfast

**Meeting with  
key witnesses**

*(by language group)*

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Lunch

**Jubilee actions**

**Tour of Rome**

**Free time**

*(In small groups)*

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Evening meal

**Vigil of Mercy**

*(All together)*

**Sunday, 13 November**

## GOD, SOURCE OF HOPE

Breakfast  
Morning prayer

**Mass with Pope Francis**

*(All together)*

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Lunch

Free afternoon

**6000**  
**PARTICIPANTS**  
INCLUDING  
4000  
HOMELESS  
PEOPLE

## ASSOCIATIONS

SIGN-UP ON OUR WEBSITE

[WWW.FRATELLO2016.ORG](http://WWW.FRATELLO2016.ORG)



### ASSOCIATIONS

Fratello is meant for associations who are working on a daily basis **with people leaving in poverty.**



### GET YOUR ACCREDITATION

You can request your accreditation online at [www.fratello2016.org](http://www.fratello2016.org)



### ACCREDITED ASSOCIATION

Once you have received your accreditation you can **proceed with organizing your journey for a group of participants.**



## SEE YOU IN ROME IN NOVEMBER 2016!

### ORGANISE YOUR STAY



#### ACCREDITATION

The accreditation allows you to participate in the **preparation of the event** and also to formally **register** all your group members online.



#### "A LA CARTE"

#### ARRANGEMENTS

On the website, you can define your programme "à la carte", **by either choosing some of our pre-reserved options** of accommodation, meals, or on-site transfers, or **by making your own arrangements** in Rome. The online tool can help you calculate a price estimate per person.



#### FINANCING

Each association is expected to find fundings for its group. **If you wish, Fratello can provide you with communication support tools towards your donaters.** Fratello is also committed to raise fundings in order to reduce the overall hosting cost and facilitate access for the poorest.

# Fratello

ROME 2016  
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## FRATELLO 2016 CHARTER

### Participation to Fratello 2016:

**1** - is based on a personal commitment and desire to share a strong spiritual moment in a large assembly.

**2** - must respect the ratio of: 2/3 beneficiaries, 1/3 accompanying persons.

**3** - permits no drugs nor alcohol consumption during the duration of the festival.

**4** - won't be possible for people who tend to have violent behaviours.

**5** - demands that participants undertake to show due respect for the places where they will be hosted and to abide by the appointed meeting times.

**6** - participation is only allowed as part of a group/accredited association. The group leaders must undertake to accompany participants at all times. Responsibility for participants remains with group leaders throughout the pilgrimage.

See you in Rome!



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