



Pastoral Handbook



Ninth World Day of the Poor

To mark the Ninth World Day of the Poor, which will be celebrated throughout the Church on 16 November 2025, the Holy Father has chosen a particularly meaningful theme for this Jubilee Year: “You are my hope, Lord” (Ps 71:5). The words of the Psalmist allow us to hear a cry of hope rising from the humble and grateful heart of a poor person.

These words, explained in the Message of Pope Leo XIV for the Ninth World Day of the Poor, find further reflection in this Pastoral Handbook. This resource is offered as a simple instrument to assist dioceses, parishes, and all ecclesial communities in preparing for and celebrating this event—especially within the marked context of this Holy Year. May our attention and care for those most in need help us all to become Pilgrims of Hope in a world that longs to be illumined by the presence of the Light of the Risen One and by the flame of charity He has kindled in our hearts.

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