



Published: The Poor Evangelize Us. Theological Reflections on Poverty.



On the occasion of the 10th World Day of the Poor, a book by H.E. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect, has been published, offering a valuable contribution to theological reflection on poverty.

What happens when the poor are no longer regarded merely as recipients of charity, but become protagonists of a revelation that challenges our faith?

In these pages, Rino Fisichella offers an original and profoundly timely reflection on poverty, understood not only as a social emergency but also as a theological category. Drawing on the teachings of Scripture, Tradition, and the contemporary Magisterium, the book shows how the poor safeguard the living heart of the Gospel and are its most authentic witnesses.

A “theology of the poor” cannot be separated from Christ, who “though he was rich, became poor,” and in whom the Church recognizes the measure of its own identity. Catholic social teaching calls for solidarity and justice, but the decisive challenge is to recognize Christ in the poor. Only in this way can poverty be restored to its truest face.

This book invites readers to move beyond oversimplifications and raises fundamental questions about faith, the “Church of the poor,” and the responsibility of every believer. For the poor do not merely ask for our alms: they ask to be heard. And perhaps, even more importantly, as the stories recounted in the book reveal, they have something essential to say to each one of us.

To borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis: “The poor evangelize us.”

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