



SOVRANO MILITARE ORDINE OSPEDALIERO
DI SAN GIOVANNI DI GERUSALEMME DI RODI E DI MALTA

IL GRAND'OSPEDALIERE

Rome, 11th November 2020

Your Excellencies,
Dear Hospitallers,
Dear all,

The participation of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the World Day of the Poor has not only become a tradition, but it underlines our daily commitment as members, volunteers and staff of the Order.

This year again I have the pleasure to forward you the message of the Holy Father for the 4th World Day of the Poor which will be celebrated on Sunday 15th November 2020:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20200613_messaggio-iv-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.html

“Stretch forth your hand to the poor” (Sir 7:32) is the opening of the message of His Holiness Pope Francis, which symbolises a gesture of faith through our action.

I kindly ask you to circulate the Holy Father’s message among all those who are involved in our works. This year the increasing needs of the people we take care of, due to the ongoing pandemic, have brought many of our works to the limit, therefore I am just asking you, on this special day, to dedicate your activity or a simple prayer to our Lord the Sick and the Poor, reminding the Gospel: “...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:35-40)



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During the last months I received hundreds of reports about the actions taken in the fight against Covid-19, in more than 90 countries, caring not only for people infected by the virus, but giving support as well to those suffering from the economic consequences of lockdowns and isolation, which have resulted into a new poverty and social distress. Social, physical and psychological marginality have now become a new field of action.

Thanking you again for your commitment, let's take this wonderful opportunity to remind our beloved Fra' Giacomo Dalla Torre and to include Fra' Marco Luzzago, newly elected Lieutenant of Grand Master, in our prayers in this challenging moment of our Order.



Dominique de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel

To the kind attention of the:

- Grand Priors and Procurators of the Grand Priorities
- Presidents of the National Associations
- Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions
- Hospitallers of the National Associations
- Presidents and Secretaries General of Relief Organisations
- Communications Officers