

Pope Francis' Social Encyclical

“Fratelli tutti” ~ Brothers and Sisters All ~

On October 3, 2020 in Assisi, Pope Francis signed his new encyclical “Fratelli tutti” The text’s opening phrase, “Fratelli tutti,” means “All brothers” in Italian. The words are taken from the writings of St. Francis of Assisi, who Pope Francis describes as the “saint of fraternal love.”

Pope Francis devotes his writing to fraternity and social friendship. In his text, Pope Francis reiterates that “Francis felt himself as brother to the sun, the sea and the wind, yet he knew he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters.”

In his encyclical, Pope Francis appeals for peace, justice and fraternity. We get a glimpse into Pope Francis’ understanding of the essence of St. Francis who was a man dedicated to creating connections with all so that all could experience the love of God, who loves us first.

We are called upon to think about how we live as a society and how we care for each other and our common home.

Resources for “Fratelli tutti”

Youtube:

- *Five Takeaways from “Fratelli tutti” ~ America*
- *Five Keys to Understanding “Fratelli tutti” ~ Rome Reports*

Text:

- *Pope Francis’ Encyclical “Fratelli tutti”*
Vatican website

Article:

- *“Fratelli tutti”: short summary of Pope Francis’ Social Encyclical*
Isabella Piro in Vatican News