"I HAVE LOVED YOU"

(Rev 3:9)

says the Lord, in spite of our weakness. (1)



Jesus identifies
"with the smallest of society"

(Dilexit Nos, Francis). (2)



All Christians are now invited to feel the strong connection that exists between:



THE LOVE

CALLED TO DRAW NEAR THE POOR (3)



The condition of the poor represents a CRY that constantly challenges our life. (9)



The action of God takes care of those who are discriminated against and oppressed. (16)

This requires of us also, his Church, a **decisive and radical** choice in favor of the weakest. (16)

We should not lower our guard on poverty! (12)

Christians, also, on many occasions let themselves be infected by unjust worldly ideologies and misguided conclusions. (15)

One cannot replace the Gospel with these ideologies! (15)

We need to dedicate ourselves to that preference for the poor to inaugurate with God a Kingdom of **justice**, **fraternity** and **solidarity**. (16)

WHY?

- The pledge to favor the poor is **INSUFFICIENT.** (10)
- The pledge to eliminate the structural causes of poverty is **INSUFFICIENT.** (10)
- A CHANGE OF MENTALITY is needed to break the cycle: (10-11)

Reproduction of poverty

The lack of changes maintains poverty and increases inequality.

Culture of accumulation

Illusion of happiness in riches and social success.

Unjust systems

Structures that favor the strongest and the concentration of power.

Exclusion and inequality

Millions of marginalized persons, disgraceful conditions.

Social indifference

The suffering of the poor is made invisible.





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