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REFLECTION ON POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE ON THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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Consider how best we can use our own talents and resources every day, to create a fairer world where no one suffers from emptiness or despair.

We may be wondering why we are called to celebrate a day of the Poor. In addition to highlighting the joys, hopes, griefs and anxieties of those who live in poverty, the [Pope's message](#) adds another important dimension. The words of Hope echoed from St Paul's address to the first Christians of Corinth, remind us of the opportunity we have to choose to enrich our own lives in solidarity with our poorest brothers and sisters. In his message Pope Francis highlights ***"In a word, generosity towards the poor has its most powerful motivation in the example of the Son of God, who chose to become poor"***. Here we have an invitation to make a personal decision to follow Christ's