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Facing the facts of this century

Pope Francis is right

The Network team writes: Francis, the first ever Pope from the global South, lives in the world now. Witness his enjoyment of selfies, as shown below, with tourists in St Peters, Rome, centre of the Vatican. On the state of the world now he says

Globalisation has helped many people rise out of poverty, but it has also damned many others to starve to death... When money becomes an idol, men and women are reduced to simple instruments of a social and economic system, which is characterised, better yet dominated, by profound inequalities... The culture of waste also leads to a hidden euthanasia of older people, who are abandoned instead of being considered as our memory, our link to our own past and a source of wisdom for the present... We should not consider this as irreversible. Let us not resign ourselves to it. Let us try and build a society and an economy where people and their welfare, and not money, are at the centre.



Editor's note

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