



The Holy See

PASTORAL VISIT OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO L'AQUILA

ANGELUS

*Forecourt of the Basilica of Saint Mary in Collemaggio
Sunday, 28 August 2022*

[Multimedia]

At the end of [this celebration](#), we turn to the Virgin Mary with the *Angelus* prayer.

Before, however, I would like to greet all of you who have participated, including all those who had to do so from a distance, at home, or in hospital, or in prison. I thank the civil authorities for their presence and for their effort in organizing this. I cordially thank the Cardinal Archbishop and the other Bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, families, the choir and all the volunteers, as well as law enforcement and civil protection.

In this place that suffered a harsh calamity, I want to assure the people of Pakistan, struck by floods of disastrous proportions, of my nearness. I pray for the numerous victims, for the wounded and those forced from their homes, and that international solidarity may be prompt and generous.

And now let us invoke Our Lady so that, as I said at the end of my homily, she might obtain pardon and peace for the entire world. Let us pray for the people of Ukraine and for all those who suffer because of war. May the God of peace revive a human and Christian sense of compassion and mercy in the hearts of the leaders of nations. Mary, Mother of Mercy and Queen of Peace, pray for us!
