



The Holy See  
VIDEO MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCH OF THE EDUCATION PACT

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Dear brothers and sisters,

In my Encyclical *Laudato si'* I invited everyone to cooperate in caring for our common home.

To understand the urgency of the challenge we face, we have to focus on education, which opens minds and hearts to a wider and deeper understanding of reality.

We need a Global Compact on education aimed at developing a new universal solidarity and a new humanism.

So I wish to endorse a global event to take place on 14 May 2020.

In a time of rapid fragmentation, and extreme confrontation we must unite our efforts, to create an educational alliance to form mature individuals who are able to live within and for society.

Every change calls for an educational process. We cannot create a change without educating for that change.

An African proverb says that “it takes whole village to educate a child”. But we have to create such a village. All together we can form young people and build a better future.

First of all, the ground must be cleared of discrimination, as I stated in the Document that I recently signed with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar in Abu Dhabi.

We have to find a way for his village to instill in all the awareness of what unites people and all aspects of a person: studies and everyday life, generations, teachers and students, families and civil society, in its intellectual, scientific, business and charitable dimensions.

We need to make sure that, in this village a global convergence leads to an alliance between the earth's inhabitants and our 'common home', so that education may bring peace and justice and openness among all the peoples of the human family and dialogue among the religions. A universal village, that is also a personal village which belong to all.





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We must root educational processes in the awareness that the whole world is deeply inter connected and that we need to find other ways of envisioning economics, politics, growth and progress.

We must have the courage to train individuals who are ready to offer themselves in service to the community.

For this reason, I look forward to meeting you in Rome, to promote together this educational alliance.

I join you in appealing to authoritative public figures in our world who are already engaged in the delicate sector of educating future generations. I am confident that they will not back down.

Let us seek solutions together, and undertake processes of change without fear. I invite each of you to be committed to this alliance.

Our meeting will take place on 14 May 2020 in Rome.

I look forward to seeing you and already greet and bless you. Gracias

