

Your Holiness

Pope Francis

I am a ten year old boy and I attend St Aloysius Primary school. I am also a member of the Eucharist Youth Movement. The Eucharist Youth Movement is an International Youth Movement for the Christian Formation of children and young people. We meet on a weekly basis. During this meeting we learn how to live in Jesus' way, in a heart-to-heart relationship of friendship with him.

I have a great admiration for you mostly for being very humble and a people's person.

I was very happy when I got to know that you are visiting our country. It is such an honour for the Maltese people to welcome you. It would be amazing if I had the opportunity to meet you in person but I understand that this is quite difficult to happen. I kindly ask you to bless our country and to help us follow your way.

I wish that your visit would make an impact in our lives and inspire the people in power to take decisions that go hand in hand with the teachings of God.

Jake Galea

Prep 5 – Ms Suzannah Galea

St Aloysius College Primary

16th March 2022

Dear Pope Francis

We are so lucky to have you visiting our country.

My name is Jenna and I am almost 8 years old and I attend St. Aloysius College and I'm part of the 'Alive' team. We are a group of students who enjoy helping out in preparing for holy mass and other activities.

I feel very sad about the children of Ukraine. We should not fight with each other.

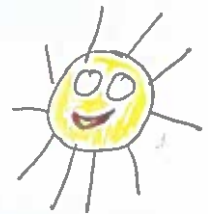
You are a very generous and kind person who thinks about all the children and people of the world.

I would like to ask you something.... What made you want to become a Jesuit?

Bless me Pope Francis

Love,

Jenna Cardona



my friends



To His Holiness Pope Francis

17th March 2022

Dear Holy Father,

I am writing to let you know how delighted I am with your visit to our island home, Malta.

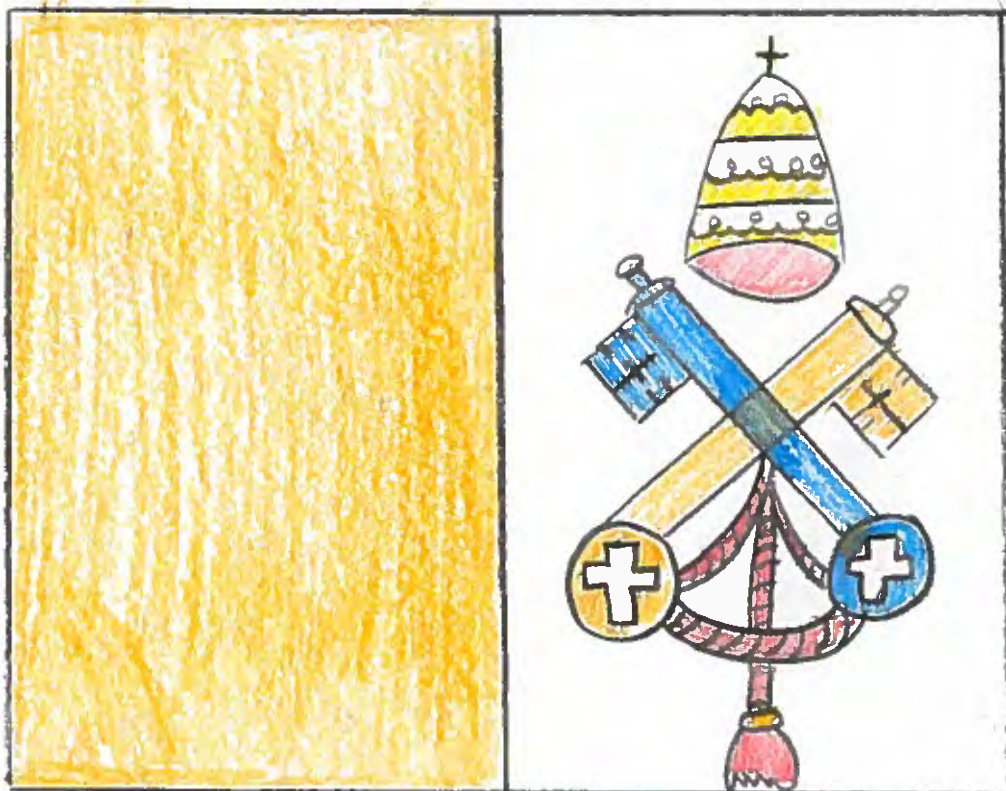
I am certain that your visit will be most beneficial for my country, bringing with you a lot of encouragement for us Catholics and much comfort to those in need.

I am a member of the ALIVE team in my school, and we always remember you in our prayers.

May the Holy Spirit guide every step of your visit.

Very Respectfully,

Omar Muscat



Mattea Mercieca Hounsell
P3GF

Letter to the pope

Dear Pope Francis,

My name is Mattea and we met a couple of times in Rome but I guess you don't remember me. But it doesn't matter because I know you are very busy.

I sometimes see you very sad and I know that it is because of all the bad things that have been happening in the world. First we had Covid and now many children and people are dying in the war of Ukrain.

I too feel very sorry especially for the children when I see them on the news running around in the streets crying and all alone.

I cannot do much to help but I can pray. And this is what I promise you I will be doing. I will pray for you to be in good health. For peace in Ukrain and the whole world and for all the poor people in Rome and everywhere.

Holy Father please stay safe and pray for Malta. I am looking forward for your visit to our country and maybe who knows we can meet again here.

With all my Love

Mattea

Dear Pope Francis,

My name is Michelle Gauci and I attend St. Aloysius Primary School. I am in Prep 3.

Thank you for visiting us here in Malta. I am very happy. Please keep us children of Malta and of the whole world, our parents, family and friends in your prayers. I often pray for you and hope to see you when you visit us.

Best regards,

Michelle Gauci

St. Aloysius Primary School, Balzan - Prep 3

I very excited about you coming
am looking forward to meet you!

We did a group called alive
we got chosen by saying what
to help others and I said:

o People then on the intercom
that I was part of the
I hope you come to Malta

if you. 😊 From your friend Wade.

Wade Land:

Your Holiness Pope Frances,

we feel so honoured and excited that you have chosen our small island/Malta to visit us.

We are sure that all the Maltese people will see in you Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

May your visit here be a comfort to all.

May God help and bless you always.

ST. Aloysius Alive Team

Jake Balzan

Letter to Pope Francis by Adonai Deidun, Malta

April 2022



ENGLISH VERSION

Dear Pope Francis,

I really hope you find some time to read my short letter. I am Adonai Deidun, a 10-year-old boy from the island of Malta. I am excited about your visit to our island and I really hope that your visit will help our leaders choose the right path – the one which Jesus would have selected – since I am afraid that Malta is slowly losing its faith in Jesus.

I have one small request to make. I am still very confused about the path I should choose in life since I have no clue as to what my mission actually is. I do not wish to waste my life and I am eager to put my talents to good use, so, as our Jesuit school teaches us, I can be a man for others. You are a Jesuit too and so you probably agree with this philosophy. Can you please pray to Jesus so that he reveals the mission he has in store for me, so that I do not let him down?

Thank you in advance for your prayers and I will be one of the thousands who will be waving in the crowd when you visit us – Viva I-Papa!!!!

Adonai

SPANISH VERSION

Querido Papa Francisco,

Realmente espero que encuentre algo de tiempo para leer mi breve carta. Soy Adonai Deidun, un niño de 10 años de la isla de Malta. Estoy entusiasmado con su visita a nuestra isla y realmente espero que su visita ayude a nuestros líderes a elegir el camino correcto, el que Jesús habría elegido, ya que me temo que Malta está perdiendo lentamente su fe en Jesús.

Tengo una pequeña petición que hacer. Todavía estoy muy confundido sobre el camino que debo elegir en la vida ya que no tengo ni idea de cuál es mi misión en realidad. No quiero desperdiciar mi vida y estoy deseoso de poner en buen uso mis talentos, para que, como nos enseña nuestro colegio jesuita, pueda ser un hombre para los demás. Usted también es jesuita y probablemente esté de acuerdo con esta filosofía. ¿Puedes orar a Jesús para que me revele la misión que tiene reservada para mí, para que no lo decepcione?

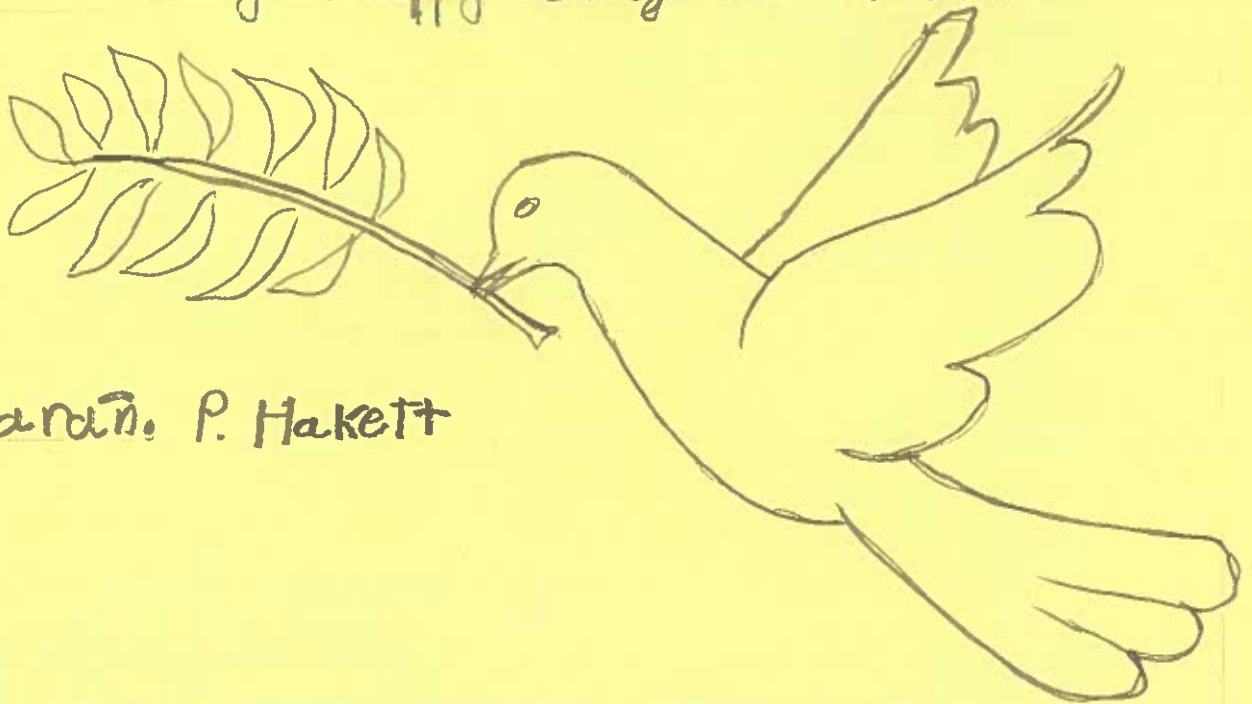
Gracias de antemano por sus oraciones y seré uno de los miles que saludarán entre la multitud cuando nos visiten: ¡Viva I-Papa!

Adonai

17th March 2022.

Dear Pope Francis,

My name is Ciaran Patrick Mackett I am in
PreP 3 St. Aloysius Primary School. I am
7 years old. Thank you for visiting our
small country that St. Paul got shipwrecked
on. You are an important voice and you
do not shy away from telling people
the truth about bad things that
happened and are happening today. I wish
you a very happy stay in Malta.



Ciaran P. Mackett

Dear Pope Francis,

I would like to thank you for all the things that you do for

us. Thank you for being kind-hearted and caring.

All of us love you. Have Good day Sherrin Malta. Happy Easter -



Matthias Cutajar

Prep 4 Ms. Claudia

School Councillor

St Aloysius College Primary School

48 'Ange'

Alfieri De Medra
Tarxien

TXN 1374

16th March 2022



Dear Pope Francesco,

My name is Francesco Cini Bonello.

I was born on the 13th February 2013
just one month before you were
elected. I am proud that you
chose my name.

I admire you because you help
the poor, prisoners and the
immigrants.

I already take part in Mass
Celebration but next May I will
be officially an altar boy at
Tarxien Parish Church.

My grandpa brothers are Franciscan

Fathers. I try to imitate them.
Every Friday at school I attend
the "EYM Young Stars".
There we pray and play games.

I appreciate that you have chosen
our small island to visit.

Please pray for me, my family
and especially at this time for
Ukraines and world Peace.

Bless me.

Francesco Cini Bonello.

Dear Pope Francis,

I am very excited for your visit to Malta. It's amazingly surprising that you chose this small country. I admire you because you take good care of the poor. In school, my role is in the Alive team. My name is Mattias Lofaro with the class of Prep 5 Daphne Debono. Thank you for taking this time to read my letter and please bless my family.

Mattias Lofaro

Dear Pope Francis,

My name is Luke.

Zummit and I am 9 Years

old. I go to St. Aloysius prep 5 AA

I am writing this letter to say

how much I admire you and how

I admire the way you try help other
People when they really need it.

Thank you for taking the time to

Visit our little island Malta. Please

continue to pray for us. Best

Regards Luke Zummit

16th March 2022



14th March, 2022

Dear Pope Francis,

I am Zack Mifsud and I am ten years old. I attend St. Aloysius Primary School and I am

in the School Council. I am very happy that you are going to visit Malta. I really admire you because you stand up for poor people and you like us children. Today I would like the opportunity to ask you for your blessings and to pray for my family. May God be with you and give you the strength to continue working for peace around the world.

So much love

from Zack.

Dear Pope,

I would like to spare some words to say that I really admire you for your kindness and your understanding through others.

I am very thankful that I was elected as a School Council which my role is to make our school a better place and listen to others.

I am very grateful that you are visiting Malta and that we have the chance to see you in our country.

Another small note regarding Ukraine. Lets pray together for peace.

Thank you for everything.

Kind regards,

Nwala Sky Micallef



'Aloha
Triq Dun Gakominu Galea,
Naxxar,
Malta

16th March 2022

Querido Papa Francissco,

my name is Beppe Cucciardi and I am 10 years old. I am very happy and excited that you are coming to visit Malta. I go to a Jesuit church school called Saint Aloysius College. At school I am a member of the 'Eko-skola' Committee. In this committee we follow the 'Laudato Si' by trying our best to take care of our common home. We plant trees, reduce waste and try to be good citizens by being men and women for other. I also like football a lot and I would like to ask you which football team do you like?

I admire you

Saludos.

Beppe Cucciardi

S + Aloysius College Malta
Prep 5 AA

Name: Isaac McKay

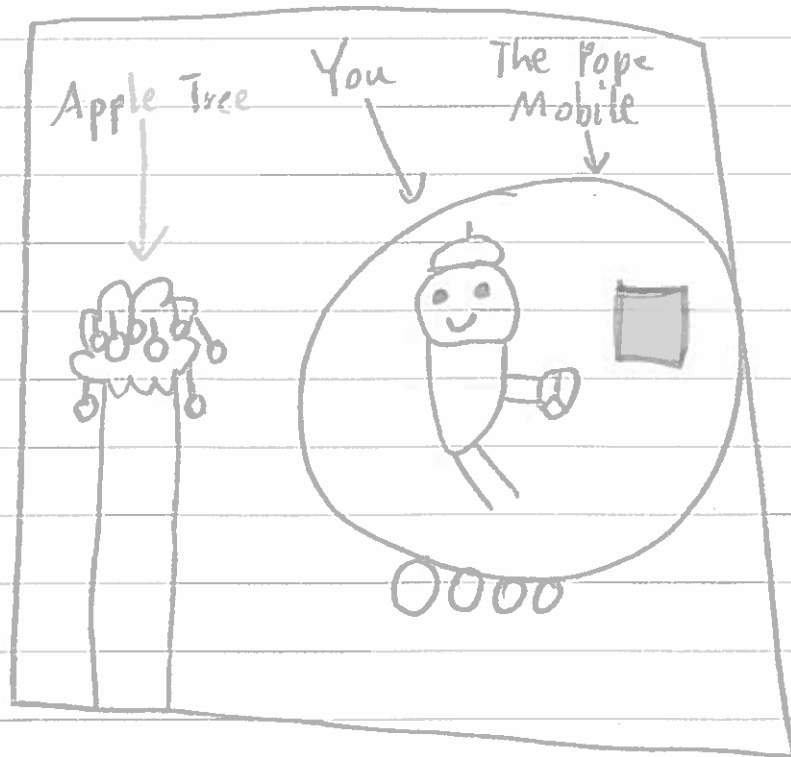
Class: Prep 5

School: St. Aloysius
Primary School

Dear Pope Francis,

Thank you for coming to Malta. Why did you choose Malta? As a Pope, what do you do daily? I wish you could come to Malta every year but I understand why you cannot because it is impossible to visit every country every year. I admire you because you are so gentle with everyone. Please pray for the Ukrainians.

Love,
Isaac



Dear pope

My name is Sean Camilleri I am Maltese. I am really happy to have you as our pope. I play football and I really enjoy it. You really make a lot of sacrifices for us and you always love others. I am proud to have you and you always make great choices. I go to St. Aloysius School primary and I go to EYM young stars. In this group we learnt about your letter "Fratelli Tutti". I admire you because you are so patient you speak with passion and you always know what to say.

March 2022

Dear Pope Francis,

My name is John Mifsud Depasquale. I am 11 years old, in Prep 6 at St. Aloysius School, Balzan.

I admire you Pope Francis because you go out of your way to help the poor! As an altar boy you are my idol!

I am the treasurer in the school student council. I work to make sure that our plans are financially secure.



My church!

I am sad though! The Provincial of the Carmelite Order in Malta wants to close my church in Fleur-De-Lys. I am looking for many people to sign a petition to save my church.

Thank you for coming to Malta!

From John.

Dear Pope,

I really admire ^{you} because you do not ~~only~~ ^{only} ~~me~~ ^{me} speak about helping the needy but you ~~really~~ actually help them yourself like when you invited the homeless to ^{sleep} ~~sleep~~ at your place. You really inspire me to take action to help those in need I meet during my everyday life. Bless Me Pope

From Daniel Barbara Zahra

Pope Francis, I am 10

M. Greek. I am 10

Your Holiness Miguel the Eucharistic youth
My name is Miquel the Eucharistic youth
years attend my school St. Aloysius Primary
movement at my school when I was 5 years
writing you
College.

I first saw you when I was 5 years
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the Vatican. I admire you writing
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Dear Pope Francis

My name is Eva Aurora and I am seven years old. At school I form part of the 'Alive Team' in this group we learn more about Jesus and think of ways to help our friends know more about Jesus. What I like most about you is that you are always with a smile on your face. Thank you for being our

16th March 2022

Your Holiness,

I am Isaac Buttigieg, a nine year old boy attending St Aloysius College Primary in Malta. I am so delighted you shall be visiting Malta next month and even more so that I was given the opportunity to write this letter to you.

I am and shall continue to join your prayers for peace in the world especially during these hard times with the Ukrainian war going on in Europe, after all the hardships the world has gone through during these past two years of Covid Pandemic.

Bless me,

Isaac Buttigieg

16th March 2022

Dear Pope Francis,

My name is Luke Dmitry Vella. I am 11 years old and I attend St. Aloysius College, which is a Jesuit school. I am in Prep 6 class. My family and I admire you because although you are in pain you still keep working to serve God and his people.

At school I am in a group called the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM). In our meetings we learnt about your encyclical "Fratelli Tutti". I am very sad about the war between Russia and Ukraine because I was born in Russia but was adopted and came to Malta when I was 1 year old. I pray that my family in Russia is keeping well. My family and I promise you that we keep praying for you. Please keep my family in your prayers.

Thank you for visiting Malta.

Yours sincerely,

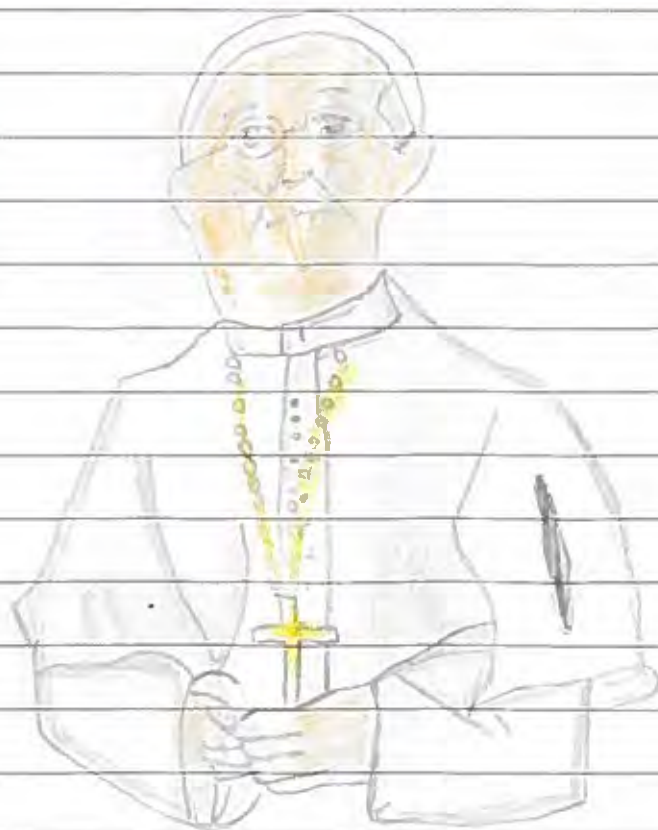
Luke Dmitry Vella

Wednesday 16 March 2022

Dear Pope Francis,

I admire your profession because you are so blessed, you pray for the world and to have peace. I go to St. Aloysius school in Balzan, Malta. I am in class prep 4 and this year my role is as a student council. I'm anxious about your visit in our country. Please pray for my family especially to my Grandpa.

Lots of love Keeyan Baldacchino Prep 4
St. Aloysius Primary school



To,
Your Excellency Pope Francis

I am an eleven year old boy from St Aloysius Primary school and I am in year/prep six. I am part of the Eco-Committee and the chairperson of the primary school. The Eco-Committee is a group which takes care of the environment. We follow your second encyclical, 'Laudato Si', a lot. I love my Jesuit school, for it is my second home. All the teachers are nice to us and always teach us how to become God fearing people.

I hope this letter finds you well, Your Holiness Pope Francis. I was very excited ever since I heard that you were coming to Malta. I felt very lucky when I got offered to sing at your mass. I accepted heartily, for I like playing music and singing but I have to attend to lot's of rehearsals for this special occasion.

I imagine how much work and hard decisions you have to take. I've always wondered how the life of a Pope, could you write back, Your Excellency Pope Francis? I have read what a golden heart you have and such a humble attitude. My teacher once told us a story of how you refused the pair of red shoes but kept wearing your black ones. In a book, I read how much you like watching football, especially the Argentinian football league.

I would like you to pray for my grandfather and for all the families in need because of the Russo-Ukrainian war. I love you very much.

From,
Daniel
Debattista

Prep 6
Miss. Marisa Falzon
St Aloysius College, Primary
2022

Dear Pope Francis,

I admire you. I admire you because you are very kind and helpful to others. I am an eco-officer and ^{an} ~~my~~ ^{school} eco-officer is someone who tries to make ~~our~~ ^{my} more greener and eco-friendly. ~~It~~ Malta is a beautiful country and I hope you enjoy your visit to Malta.

From,

Ethan Micallef

P6 Ms Charmaine ^{Micallef,} St Aloysius Primary school in Balzan.



Dear Pope Francis

I am Joseph Attard, I am 10 years old and attend to St Aloysius School.

I admire you as you are very humble, and very down to earth. I know that you love us children very much.

In school I am part of a team called Alive. In this group we meet to help during mass and other celebrations during the year. We also give our ideas and suggestions to our Chaplaincy what we can do during the year.

I hope that I will manage to see you when you are in Malta. I will be attending to the Mass on 3rd April on Sunday in Floriana.

Bless Me

Joseph

Most Holy Father, my name is Matthias Fabon and I am 10 years old. I go to St Aloysius school in Malta and I am in year 6 in ^{my} Maria's class. I want to tell you how much you inspire me and my family by your holy teachings. You even take high risks that very few people dare take, like trying to stop the war between Russia and Ukraine. Your ways show that you were truly chosen by ^{God} to be pope because everything you do is genuinely good and makes me to try to be more like you. I admire your humble ways and for teaching ^{us} to accept and respect everyone whilst setting difference aside. I kindly ask you to keep

Malta in your prayers so peace can reign forever. Wishing same for all the **WORLD!** Hope you have a nice day

P.S: My family and one of my best friends Liam wanted to thank you for all you do



Dear Pope Francis,

My Name is Noah, I live in Malta and I know that you are soon coming to visit us. This is why I am looking forward to seeing you on the television or in person. In my school which is Saint Aloysius Primary there are certain roles like the Student Council, Alive Team, EYM and the Eco Committee and I am in one of them, the Eco Committee. This team mainly focuses on the nature around us and ways we can help or improve it. You have inspired me with your letter: Laudato Si. As you know it is about nature, helping our world that God created. The pollution in the air and all the harmful stuff which affect the earth. We all have to take action for example, turning off the lights when not in need, walk instead of taking the car, take showers instead of baths and recycle well. This is my first time in the Eco committee and I'm doing pretty good, we recycle, take care of plants and have fun outings about nature! Although your letter has helped me to understand more about the harm we are doing to our earth. From that time on I have been trying to help the earth much more than I used to. Thanks for inspiring me, I admire you a lot. Keep up the good work that you're doing and I look forward for your visit here in Malta.

Sincerely,

Noah.

Noah Camenzuli

Year/Prep 6 - Noah

Your Holiness Pope Francis

I am Jack, an 8 year old boy from Malta.

I would like to thank you for praying for all of us.

I really love that even though you are the Pope, you are really humble and like to be near the people. I am part of the Alive Team at

School which organises chaplaincy events like mass.

I am very excited that you are coming to Malta very soon and I hope that I will be able to see you!

God Bless You!

Jack Camilleri

Dear Pope Francis

I am Jack Grech.

I go to St. Aloysius College Primary.

I am part of the Ekoskola team.

I love nature.

I am happy to take care of our environment.

If you get the chance visit Slugs Bay.

It is really pretty. clear blue water

clear blue water

Enjoy Malta

Jack Grech St. Aloysius College

15th March 2022

His Holiness Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace,
00120, Vatican City

Your Holiness Pope Francis,

I attend St. Aloysius Primary School in Malta. I am the class representative in the School Council. My role is to help my classmates as well as organize activities for students together with the School Council members.

I also am an altar boy in the Parish Church in my fishing village, Marsaxlokk. In December 2020, I had the opportunity to do the Christmas sermon.

I truly admire you when you express your concerns towards poverty and encourage mercy towards each other and am looking forward to your visit to the Maltese Islands.

Together with the values taught to me by my family and School, I want to continue practising: ***To be Men and Women for and with others.***

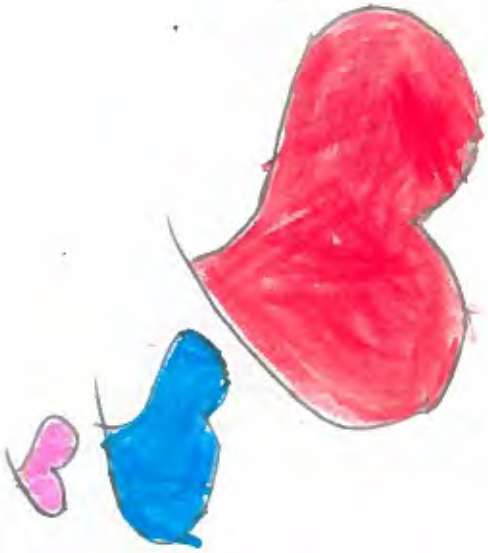
Very respectfully,

Mattia Caruana
Prep 5
St. Aloysius Primary School - Malta





To
Pope Francis,



From Zoe Ghiller
ST. Aloysius Primary
School Malta, 16.03.2022

Dear Pope Francis,

Thank you for accepting to visit our small island, Malta. Although tiny on the map, the Maltese are very kind at heart. I wish that all the kids in the world have the opportunity to know God. If we all follow God we all go to heaven.

Please pray for all the children in the world and for world peace. Pray to God to take away all the pain that many kids are facing because of war or sickness. I always

keep you in my prayers. God Bless You always.

Jake Said Prep 5DD St. Aloysius College Primary School-Balzan, Malta

Letter to Pope Francis on your visit to Malta

Your Holiness Pope Francis,

It is with great pleasure and such an honour welcoming you to our island.
It is a true blessing to have you amongst us.

I am Jake Said and I attend St. Aloysius Primary College and I am in Year 5 (10 years old).
I am involved in two school groups - Alive Team and EYM Team (Eucharistic Youth Movement).
Both groups are spiritual formation groups where, every week, we meet up and learn more about Jesus and how to be *Brothers and Sisters for others*. The intentional goal of these groups spiritual direction is to help each participant become more aware of God in our lives through various activities.

It fills me with joy writing you this letter as I would like to tell you that you are a role model to me because you are the closest person we have in the human form of Jesus. You are a humble person, loves the poor, preaches love and mercy and above all, practice what you preach!

One of your actions that strike me is that while the world has gone and still going through the pandemic, Most Holy Father, you did not stop working hard for the poor. You provided various medical facilities with medical equipment in places where the pandemic has hit areas that are already living in poverty.

I pray God to keep His beloved hands upon you, so that you continue God's journey amongst us and may you always be blessed.

Yours Faithfully,
Jake Said

Dear Pope Francis,

What exciting news that you will be visiting the island of Malta in April! As a student attending St. Aloysius Primary School, this is a great honour. You are an inspiration to us all. I admire your courage and generosity. The Laudato Si is an important letter, making me reflect on how I can help save our PLANET. As a member of the EkoSkola team, we try to make changes in our school so that we can take care of each other and our common home.

My dream is that Malta continues to give shelter to migrants who reach our

shores. I hope that war ends in
Ukraine, and people live in peace.

Neil Vella
Prep 4
St. Aloysius Primary
Malta