



**THE ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO: YUNUS, CHANGING YOUR LIFESTYLE AFTER  
THE PANDEMIC  
TOMORROW AT 5.30 PM VIDEO MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS TO THE YOUNG  
PEOPLE**

*It is possible to follow the event live from the francescoeconomy.org website*

Great expectation for the message that tomorrow, November 21st, Pope Francis will “deliver” to young economists, entrepreneurs and students connected with Assisi from all over the world. In a video, which will be broadcast at 5.30 pm on the francescoeconomy.org website, the Holy Father will speak to the young participants of The Economy of Francesco connected via the web with the Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi.

Today, Friday 20 November, the second of the three days of The Economy of Francesco, saw the participation of the winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace 2006, Muhammad Yunus. In his speech "Finance and Humanity: a road towards an integral ecology", the creator of microcredit paved the way for a paradigm shift: «The Covid-19 pandemic revealed all the weaknesses of the current system. Those who were on the fringes of existence globally ended up even more marginalized. Now - continued Muhammad Yunus - everyone is working to return to the situation before the pandemic. But why do we want to go back to that system, which was terrible? The train that was taking us to our death has stopped. It's time to get off and ask ourselves: do we want to get back on that train or go in the opposite direction: a world without pollution, without wealth concentration, without massive unemployment?».

Also central was the meeting with environmental activist and member of the International Forum on Globalization, Vandana Shiva: «The economy should take care of our common home. If we work in harmony with nature, we create well-being. The keywords must be: local distribution, healthy food, return to the Earth what the Earth gives us, sharing. Returning to the earth what it offers us, we'll have better food. The spirit is that of gratitude, of service, of care ».

Tomorrow's program, Saturday 21 November, includes "We are all developing countries", with Kate Raworth and John Perkins, from 3pm to 3.50 pm. From 4pm to 4.50 pm, "Young enough to change the world", where we will meet Lilly, a thirteen year old Thai activist, and the commitment of many young people to SDG Zero Hunger, the path of Prophetic Economy. The in-depth research of the students of the San Carlo College of Milan on the waste of water in their city becomes a fun game that will involve the whole world, and then music, made strictly with recycled materials. Fantasy, creativity, commitment and determination will be the dominant notes of this sparkling half hour.

At 5.30pm, the “virtual” participation of Pope Francesco with a video message addressed to the young participants connected via the web with the Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi.

The complete program is on the francescoeconomy.org website, the multimedia and informative material is available at this link: <https://goo.gl/kkt14Q>

This was announced by the director of the information structure, Father Enzo Fortunato.

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