



Metropolitan Archbishop of Izmir

International Day of Human Brotherhood

INVITATION

UNDER THE SAME SKY let the children of Abraham: Christians, Jews and Muslims, united with all believers and people of good will, as brothers and sisters care for each other and our common home, is the urgent message of Pope Francis.

February the 4th is the day for the next step in the journey of human brotherhood.

Feb. 4, 2023, the International *Day of Human Brotherhood* is be celebrated as the anniversary of the meeting between **Pope Francis and Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyib**.


This remembrance is intended to promote the essential need of humanity, that nations around the world be united to promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue, as also called for in the "DOCUMENT ON HUMAN FRATERNITY FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER" signed on Feb. 4, 2019 in Abu Dhabi by the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyib and Pope Francis.

"Brotherhood means reaching out to others, respecting them and listening to them with an open heart. I hope that concrete steps will be taken, together with believers of other religions and people of good will, to affirm that today is time for fraternity, avoiding fueling clashes, divisions and closures. Let us pray and commit ourselves every day so that we may all live in peace as brothers and sisters." (Pope Francis)

I cordially invite you to participate in the *Day of Human Brotherhood*, celebrated on Feb. 4th in the hall of St. Polycarp Church, **beginning at 10 a.m.**

With sincerity and respect.

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