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'Go and do likewise'

(Luke 10:37)

Set examples for peace!

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Dear friends of the word,

I know a man – someone who's getting on a bit – who leads a convincing life. I know that a few days ago he invited a group of Syrian refugees for lunch. The children of the refugee families gave him pictures that they'd painted themselves and talked about their homeland. He talked to the parents about their experiences as refugees. Month before he'd spontaneously visited a refugee facility in his town.

Earlier this month his man – a true witness of the gospel – visited an older brother in hospital. The visitor spend a long time with the gravely ill patient and gave him courage and hope for the last meeting with Jesus and made him feel his love and tenderness.

The love of this man applies to the people next to him again and again, especially the small, poor and failed. In August of this year he visited a commune of former prostitutes from Romania, Nigeria, Albania, Tunisia, Italy and the Ukraine. He met these women and their life stories with great compassion.

I'm sure you know who I'm referring to – Pope Francis. HE shows us how to live with our neighbors and the people next to us and how to show them our compassion. Jesus says at the end of the story about the Samaritan: "Go and do likewise!" This is also true for the pointers that Pope Francis is giving us: "Go and do likewise!"

Why don't we decide to meet people every week, people that have been put into our life by God, people who need our compassion. Take a note of people that come to mind and go and visit them! Let's bring God's affection, tenderness and compassion to these people with our visit. We can give peace a future: Set examples of peace!

For the OnWordTeam

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