



Pope Francis Lesson 6: Challenge (March)

Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus, but sees things as Jesus himself sees them, with his own eyes: it is a participation in his way of seeing. In many areas in our lives, we trust others who know more than we do. We trust the architect who builds our home, the pharmacist who gives us medicine for healing, the lawyer who defends us in court. We also need someone trustworthy and knowledgeable where God is concerned. Jesus, the Son of God, is the One who makes God known to us. Christ's life, his way of knowing the Father and living in complete and constant relationship with him, opens up new and inviting vistas of human experience.

- The Light of Faith, #18

If we are to do the work of spreading the faith, there is no doubt that we must make it available to all, and especially to the poor and the sick, to those usually despised and rejected. There is simply no doubt about this.

- The Joy of the Gospel, #48



The times speak to us of such great poverty throughout the world, and this is a scandal. The poverty of the world is a scandal. In a world where there is such great wealth, so many resources for giving food to everyone, it is impossible to understand how there could be so many hungry children, so many children without education, so many poor people! Poverty today is a cry. We must all think about whether we can become a little poorer. This is something we must all do. How can I become a little poorer, to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?

- Dialogue, June 7, 2013