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Francis sent money to elderly crime victim

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Pope Francis sent $275 to an elderly woman who told him she had been mugged on a bus, according to the British *Daily Mail* [1].

The Venetian woman, in her late 80s, wrote to Francis saying her purse containing $75 had been stolen as she traveled to visit her sick husband in the hospital, according to the *Daily Mail*.

A mysterious letter then arrived at a parish near her home last week. Fr. Don Gianni Antoniazzi said his hands shook as he opened the envelope from the Vatican secretary of state, according to the *Daily Mail*.

The priest said he was "overwhelmed with emotion," adding: "It is an extraordinary series of events: Francis knows not only how to interact with people, communicating brilliantly and infusing them with great hope, but also responds to personal requests."

A note signed by Francis' new alms master, Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, said: "Please deliver in the manner it deems appropriate, the relevant amount to the lady in question, that it is a gift of His Holiness, who offers her his apostolic blessing accompanied by desired aid and divine comfort for her and for her husband."

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