

## Pope's quotes: the most urgent problem

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A Pope Francis quote:

"The most serious of the evils that afflict the world these days are youth unemployment and the loneliness of the old. The old need care and companionship; the young need work and hope but have neither one nor the other, and the problem is they don't even look for them any more. They have been crushed by the present. You tell me: can you live crushed under the weight of the present? Without a memory of the past and without the desire to look ahead to the future by building something, a future, a family? Can you go on like this? This, to me, is the most urgent problem that the Church is facing."

?[The light we bear in our souls](#) [1],? interview with Pope Francis by Eugenio Scalfari in *La Repubblica* Oct. 1, 2013

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