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Video Message of the Holy Father with the prayer intention for the month of January, disseminated via the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

The following is the text of the Pope's video with the prayer intention for the month of January, disseminated via the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, on the theme *Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a more human world, might always be respected*.

Video Message of the Holy Father

Today we're experiencing an "educational catastrophe." This is no exaggeration. Due to wars, migration, and poverty, some 250 million boys and girls lack education.

All children and youth have the right to go to school, regardless of their immigration status.

Education is a hope for everyone – it can save migrants and refugees from discrimination, criminal networks, and exploitation.... So many minors are exploited! It can help them integrate into the communities who host them.

Education opens the doors to a better future. In this way, migrants and refugees can contribute to society, either in their new country or in their country of origin, should they decide to return.

And let's never forget that whoever welcomes the foreigner, welcomes Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a more human world, might always be respected.

