



Day of prayer for the *Centenary* of the Pauline Family

The news reports coming from Iraq leave us
in dismay and disbelief:
thousands of people, including many Christians,
driven from their homes in a brutal manner;
children dying of thirst and hunger in their flight;
women abducted; people massacred;
violence every kind;
destruction of historical, cultural and religious heritages.
All this gravely offends God and humanity.
Hatred is not to be vented in the name of God!
War is not to be waged in the name of God! ...
Let us silently pause and pray.

Pope Francis