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Francis, the comic strip

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A quote from Pope Francis:

“We cannot 'naturalize' the fact that so many people are starving. We cannot simply say that their situation is the result of blind fate and that nothing can be done about it. Once poverty no longer has a face, we can yield to the temptation of discussing 'hunger', 'food' and 'violence' as concepts, without reference to the real people knocking on our doors today. Without faces and stories, human lives become statistics and we run the risk of bureaucratisating the sufferings of others. Bureaucracies shuffle papers; compassion deals with people.”

-- Meeting of executive board of World Food Programme, June 13, 2016

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