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Forthright talk

'This church ... is the home of all, not a small chapel'

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need to discuss social reform.

Media headlines described Francis' interview with the *American* publication as "interview with Francis," "interview with Francis," "interview with Francis," and "Francis in an interview." Francis expressed the brevity of his interview with leaders, which were conducted in Italian, before it was translated and published.

In the interview Francis articulated a vision of the church as a home, not a small chapel. He spoke of the church as a home for all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people. He must not reduce the home of the universal church to a mere meeting place for the few.

Francis said the church has no right to "impose itself" in the lives of poor and homeless, especially on his own terms. "When one is a pastor," he said, "one must be attentive during his pastoral presence following his trip to the world."

As the archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis said, he received letters from poor and homeless who said they were "very worried" because they felt the church abandoned them.

"The church does not want to be a home," he said. "This church ... is the home of all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people. We must not reduce the home of the universal church to a mere meeting place for the few."

Francis was forthright speaking with leaders Sept. 16, saying, "The most serious of the evils that afflict the world these days are poverty, unemployment and the loss of the ability to dream. The old need care and compassion. We need to work and hope. We have to move on and not just stay in the past. The problems we face are not new, but the solutions we have found are not new either. We must be creative in our solutions. They have been created by the power of the spirit and without the desire to look ahead to the future by building something, a house, a home." Can you go on like that? This, in fact, is the most urgent problem that the church is facing.

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Mercy for the spiritually poor essential for reform

By Hans Küng

Pope Francis shows courage not only in his firm appearance in the Service of His Diocese, but also in his willingness to open dialogue with critical members. He has written an open letter to leading bishops and cardinals, and he has appointed a special envoy to lead the group that will study the church's future.

Among the 12 questions from Küng provided in *la Repubblica* Sept. 11, the fourth seems to be of particular importance for a church undergoing reform: How can the church be transformed to be of this world? "Should we create the things that are new, and to God the things that are old?" — that the Catholic church especially writes Küng, all the other subjects to the transformation of world to power and means the spiritual dimension of the church in the face of

worldwide. Küng's question: "Does Pope Francis express after all the priority of a poor and pastoral church over an institutional and worldly church?"

■ From the beginning, Francis has expressed with great energy and clarity and engaged in direct contact with people.

■ In his words and gestures, he has presented himself not as the spiritual head of the church, but rather as the "servant of the servants of God" (John 13:14).

■ By establishing a commission of eight members from the different continents, he has indicated the need for a global reform and collaboration with the laity.

■ The fact that he has not just passed the day

side last of his will to reform, it is undeniable and proving that Latin American bishops for the past 10 years have been the most responsible for the past of the Catholic church cannot be denied. The fact that other groups of people in other countries suffer from the same problems and need to be transformed and reformed is not a reason to ignore them.

The message Francis has delivered is a message of hope and mercy to all. He has shown that the church is not a small chapel, but a home for all. He has shown that the church is not a small chapel, but a home for all. He has shown that the church is not a small chapel, but a home for all.

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The National Catholic Reporter October 11, 2013, edition includes a special section featuring reactions to Pope Francis' interview. Contributors include Richard Rohr, Hans Küng, Michelle Gonzalez, Richard Gaillardetz and Chris Lowney, as well as analysis from NCR staff. Additional copies of this edition are

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SENTENCE ON WOMEN 'INADVERTENTLY DELETED'

Francis was speaking to a question from Spaniards about the sentence on women that was deleted from the document. He said that the sentence was not there in the original text. "I think it was deleted by someone," he said. "I think it was deleted by someone who was not a member of the commission."

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A 'culture of encounter'

Francis wishes to release Vatican II's bold vision from captivity

By **HOWARD BLOOMER**

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