

**NURTURING YOUTHFUL HUMANISM
THE EXHIBITION CREATED TO MARK
POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO BOLOGNA**

**200 treasures of children's publishing from all over the world about
equality, rights, freedom, sustainability, love and life**

At a time in history in which we are beginning to feel the urge for a “new humanism”, the visit of Pope Francis to Bologna in October offered the opportunity for **BolognaFiere** and **Bologna Children's Book Fair**, to organise, in collaboration with the **Church of Bologna**, a large exhibition of children's books on the contemporary themes so often brought up by Holy Father.

Taking centre stage at the exhibition, located in the Gallery between Pavilions 21 and 22 (on the first floor), are 200 illustrated books selected by the Bologna Children's Book Fair on nine “human” themes, always brought up by Pope Francis: “joyful sobriety”; unity and dialogue; decent employment; respecting the environment; the current subject of migration, as well as the eternal issues of peace and democracy and the importance of the family, the inclusion of the disabled, and the strive for truly accessible schools and culture - themes that always play a central role in the words of the Holy Father.

The strength of BolognaFiere's effort in promoting and spreading culture for children is fully expressed in this exhibition, which gathers works from middle-eastern countries, Latin America, India, Korea, China as well as Western countries. At the heart of the scientific committee's effort to create this initiative lies a truly multicultural vision. The committee is comprised of Silvia Cocchi, Ferdinando Costa, Anna Fontana Boni, Grazia Gotti, Don Stefano Ottani, Elena Pasoli and Silvana Sola.

The exhibition has a **bilingual catalogue, published in English and Italian**. The catalogue traces the bibliography of the selected books, ordered by subject, accompanied by words taken from speeches of Pope Francis and introduced by comments of leading international figures. Thanks to the collaboration with Giunti Editore, the catalogue was not published for commercial purposes and can be downloaded free of charge at www.youthful-humanism.it

Every section is introduced by Pope Francis' words and a contribution by renowned writers and experts:

Patricia Aldana, President of the IBBY Foundation, Italian writer Beatrice Masini, Marwa Al Aqroubi President of UAEBBY - United Arab Emirates Board on Books for Young People, French writer Pascal Teulade, Argentinian writer and illustrator Gusti, Hans Christian Andersen prize winner Cao Wenxuan, Spanish illustrator Iban Barrenetxea, Kiyoko Matzuoka, curator of the Itabashi Art Museum in Tokyo, Carlin Petrini, founder of “Slow Food” foundation, Giuseppe Dossetti, a catholic priest who has worked to assist drug addicts and help migrants, and writer Roberto Piumini.