

## The Elders stand in solidarity with Pope Francis on peace, refugees, climate

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The Elders met His Holiness Pope Francis at the Vatican on Monday 6 November to express their appreciation and support for his work on global peace, refugees and migration, and climate change.

[Kofi Annan](#), [Lakhdar Brahimi](#), [Ricardo Lagos](#) and [Mary Robinson](#) spoke with Pope Francis about a wide range of international affairs at his private residence.

**Kofi Annan**, Chair of The Elders, said:

*“Pope Francis has shown great moral leadership on the crucial issues of our time. His assertion of the values of peace and human dignity resonates with people of all faiths, and those of none. The Elders are proud to stand in solidarity with him today and in the future as we work for justice and universal human rights.”*

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[Ela Bhatt](#), [Fernando Henrique Cardoso](#), [Jimmy Carter](#) and [Desmond Tutu](#) are Elders Emeritus.

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