



Patrons
of the World's
Children Hospital

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small, grey medical sensor. The sensor is connected to a thin black cable. The background is a soft-focus image of a child's face and hands, with a blue overlay.A decorative graphic element consisting of four triangles meeting at a central point. The top-left triangle is light blue, the top-right is dark blue, the bottom-left is red, and the bottom-right is dark blue.

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Patrons of the World's Children Hospital
received by the Holy Father

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Report with interviews by Zofia Czubak



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(min. 22.00)





In dono al Papa un macchinario per il sistema di telemedicina

Il Pontefice ha ricevuto questa mattina una delegazione di Patrons of the World's Children Hospital, organizzazione no-profit americana che coordina l'Alleanza Globale del Papa per la Salute e la Cura Umanitaria dei Bambini. Il macchinario per il sistema di telemedicina che permette di effettuare visite virtuali di alta qualità.

Un macchinario per il sistema di telemedicina TELADOC LITE. È il dono che, questa mattina 4 marzo, l'organizzazione no-profit americana "Patrons of the World's Children Hospital" ha consegnato a Papa Leone XIV che ha ricevuto una delegazione nell'Auletta dell'Aula Paolo VI, al termine dell'udienza generale.

Si tratta di un organismo che coordina la Pope's Global Alliance for the Health and Humanitarian Care of

Children (l'Alleanza Globale del Papa per la Salute e la Cura Umanitaria dei Bambini), un network internazionale che unisce ospedali pediatrici e strutture sanitarie di tutto il mondo, tra cui l'Ospedale Bambino Gesù, per fornire cure mediche a bambini in aree svantaggiate o con bisogni non soddisfatti, con l'obiettivo di aiutare un milione di bambini nei primi tre anni di attività. Una missione affidata al network da Papa Francesco nel maggio 2024.

Al Pontefice hanno consegnato il dispositivo che permette di effettuare visite virtuali di alta qualità, rendendo la visita remota il più simile possibile a una visita faccia a faccia. Nel corso della presentazione è stato poi mostrato un collegamento medico a distanza con l'Argentina, a dimostrazione delle possibilità offerte da questo strumento nel campo della telemedicina.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/it/papa/news/2026-03/papa-delegazione-patrons-of-the-worlds-children-hospital.html>





American donors give Leo XIV pediatric telemedicine system

The telemedicine device will expand a Vatican-sponsored network of hospitals that connects cutting-edge first-world institutions with children in need.

On Wednesday, March 4, "Patrons of the World's Children's Hospital" donated a "sophisticated next-generation technology telemedicine system" to Pope Leo XIV to provide pediatric healthcare to children in need.

The device the Pope received on Wednesday is a Teladoc Lite. According to the manufacturer, this "next-generation technology" unit offers high-quality audio and video and allows the installation of additional software and peripherals for "real-time streaming of valuable medical data."

Fabrizio Arengi Bentivoglio, the president of the Patrons, explained the device to the pope, and demonstrated its functionality using a live video connection to a doctor in Argentina. "We will ship it wherever you decide and there is a need," Bentivoglio said.

Who are the Patrons? Vatican News reports that the Patrons is a US-based not-for-profit corporation that works to make medical care available to marginalized young children, coordinating and managing the Pope's Global Alliance for the Health and Humanitarian Care of Children. This network of pediatric hospitals around the globe includes the Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital, which Newsweek recently ranked 6th in the world and 1st in Europe among children's hospitals.

<https://aleteia.org/2026/03/06/american-donors-give-leo-xiv-pediatric-telemedicine-system/>



In May 2024, Pope Francis entrusted the Patrons with this mission of helping sick children in developing nations and other places where they have inadequate access to pediatric care. In a 2025 interview, Bentivoglio explains that the initiative began as a way to obtain support only for the Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital in Rome. However, he says, “we then realized that we could expand beyond one institution and one country.” Now they are creating a “network of hospitals to treat as many children as possible.”

He points out that victims of war and natural disasters often receive media coverage and become the focus of many aid initiatives. Indeed, the

Bambino Gesù hospital itself has cared for many children who are refugees of the war in Ukraine, for example. However, there are also “hundreds of thousands of other children who are on nobody’s radar screen.” These, he says, are the children they are trying to reach.

They do this through a “hub and spoke” system, where hubs are well-resourced, cutting-edge hospitals in first-world countries and the spokes are clinics and healthcare centers located in places where there are children in need. The Teladoc devices are part of the technology used to connect this network.

Pope Leo XIV Receives Advanced Telemedicine Equipment for Global Children’s Healthcare

The Holy Father was presented with a state-of-the-art device that will enhance high-quality remote consultations for children in vulnerable regions.

On March 4, 2026, after the General Audience, Pope Leo XIV met in the Paul VI Audience Hall’s small chapel with a delegation from the American non-profit organization Patrons of the World’s Children’s Hospital. During the meeting, the representatives presented him with specialized equipment for the TELADOC LITE telemedicine system, a tool designed to conduct virtual consultations of such high quality that they closely resemble in-person care.

This North American organization acts as coordinator of the Pope’s Global Alliance for Children’s Health and Humanitarian Care, an international network that unites pediatric hospitals and medical centers in various

countries—including the Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome—with the purpose of bringing specialized care to children living in disadvantaged areas or where children’s health services are insufficient.

The initiative, which has papal backing, aims to assist one million children during its first three years of operation. This ambitious mission was originally entrusted by Pope Francis in May 2024 and continues to be promoted under his current pontificate.

During the presentation of the device, a practical demonstration was carried out: a remote medical connection was established with professionals in Argentina, which made it possible to concretely illustrate the capabilities of this technology to overcome geographical barriers and guarantee timely diagnoses and follow-ups in hard-to-reach areas.

<https://exaudi.org/pope-leo-xiv-receives-advanced-telemedicine-equipment-for-global-childrens-healthcare/>





POPE RECEIVES ADVANCED TELEHEALTH DEVICE FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE

The "Patrons of the World's Children Hospital" donate a TELADOC LITE telemedicine system to Pope Leo XIV for pediatric care for children in need.

A sophisticated next-generation technology telemedicine system, destined to provide pediatric healthcare support, has been donated to Pope Leo XIV by a delegation of Patrons of the World's Children Hospital.

The TELADOC LITE system was given to the Pope on Wednesday morning,

March 4, as he received the delegation in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall before the general audience.

"Patrons of the World's Children Hospital" is an American not for profit Corporation that coordinates the Pope's Global Alliance for the Health and Humanitarian Care of Children, a network that brings together hospital facilities from all over the world, including the Vatican's Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital.

[https://joansrome.wordpress.com/
category/patrons-of-the-worlds-children-hospital/](https://joansrome.wordpress.com/category/patrons-of-the-worlds-children-hospital/)





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