

after a terrible war.
It poses the vital question of how victims of unspeakable loss and suffering at the hands of other human beings can find renewed meaning in life.

At the end of the Second World War thousands of displaced persons, Holocaust survivors, arrived in Southern Italy on their way to the Land of Israel. The local Italian Catholics, though poor and hungry, and on the losing side in the war, welcomed them with open arms. For the survivors, chased out of their home towns in Central Europe on their return from the concentration camps, this was a restorative experience of humanity.

Behind the kindness of the Italians were their ancient tradition of kindness toward them.