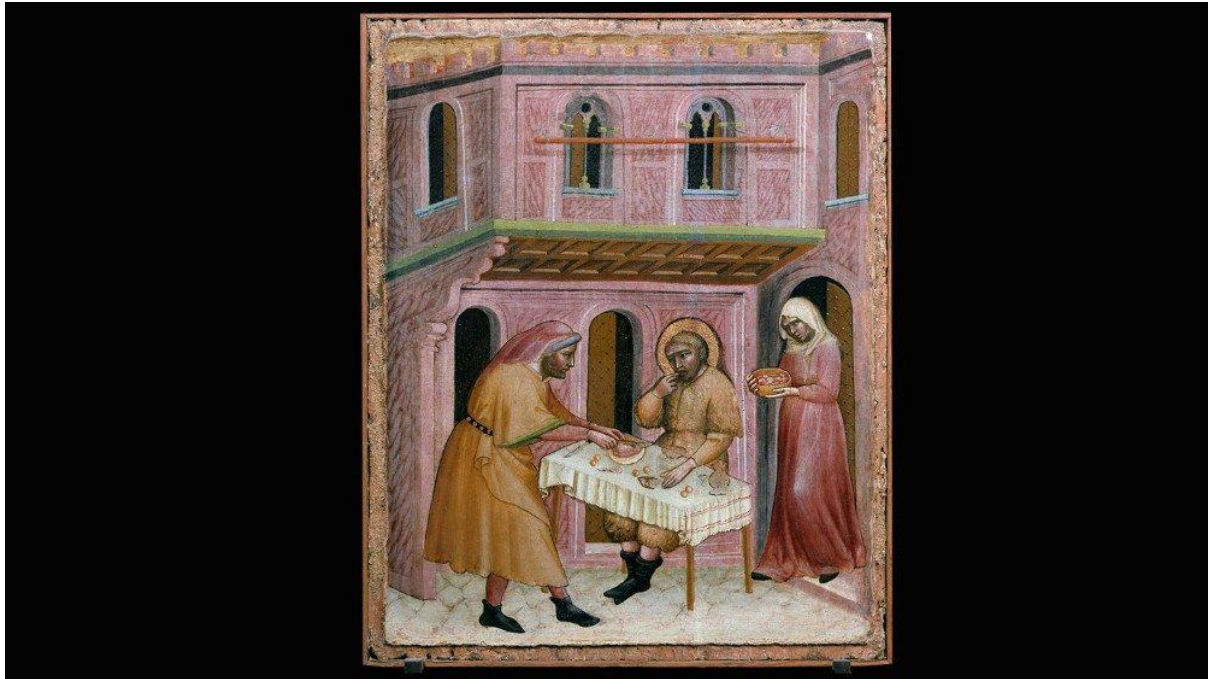


1st May 'Console my People' REFLECTION

The artwork and prayer below were published today in an ongoing series from Vatican News. www.vaticannews/english daily heading: Vatican Museum. Beauty that Unites.



Artist: Olivuccio di Ciccarello *The works of mercy - feed the hungry* 1404 in the Vatican Art Gallery.

Stay with us, Bread of eternal life,
broken and distributed to those at table:
give also to us the strength
to show generous solidarity towards the multitudes
who are even today suffering and dying from poverty and hunger,
decimated by fatal epidemics or devastated by immense natural disasters.
By the power of your Resurrection,
may they too become sharers in new life.

(John Paul II, *Urbi et Orbi*, Easter, 27 March 2005)