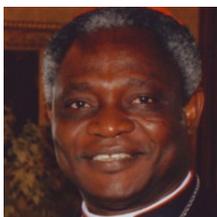


JUSTPAX



From the President

A faithful bulletin renewed

Dear Friends:
Greetings from Rome!

In December 1977, this Dicastery of the Roman Curia published the first number of its bulletin called JUSTPAX. Across more than 30 years, until November 2002, it has been an appointment for many readers around the world, who learned - through the examples given in the various issues - about our activities and received some ideas of the range of our interests, vision, action.

Twelve years later, JUSTPAX comes back in a new format, interactive with our website. I am glad to fulfil the promise given during our last Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (PCJP) held in October, and I am happy to present this Newsletter, that we hope to release once every three months. For the time being, it will be written only in English, but we will try to improve and publish editions in other languages, in order to reach as much readers as possible!

This first number of the new era of JUSTPAX wants to echo Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Peace "*No longer slaves, but brothers and sisters*". Together with the Pope, I want to pray with you for "an end to wars, conflicts and the great suffering caused by human agency, by epidemics past and present, and by the devastation wrought by natural disasters. [...] that, on the basis of our common calling to cooperate with God and all people of good will for the advancement of harmony and peace in the world, we may resist the temptation to act in a manner unworthy of our humanity" (*Message for the World Day of Peace, 1 January 2015*).

Daily news that fills the front pages of our newspapers, tv, websites, is too often a source of sorrow, and challenges us as "we know that God will ask each of us: what did you do for your brother?" (*ibid.*).

Together with the Secretary, Bp. Mario Toso, the Undersecretary, Dr. Flaminia Giovanelli, and all the staff, our wish for this Christmas and New Year 2015 is that we may listen to the call of forging a new worldwide solidarity and fraternity, to act with courage, and work daily to build communion and peace.

Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson, President

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Holy Land: "A Call for a Courageous Change" : a document

In the face of new challenges and violence experienced in the Holy Land, the Episcopal Commission "Justice and Peace" of the Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land has published the document "*Call for a Courageous Change*" that expresses an urgent appeal for peace in the region.

A reality of violence and mourning

Israel and Palestine are echoing with the cry of mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters

READ ALL

Message for the 48th World Day of Peace



On January 1st, we will celebrate the world Day of Peace!

This year's Message focuses on the theme of slavery. Many people think that slavery is a thing of the past. In fact, this social plague remains all too real in today's world.

Our purpose is to build a civilization based on the equal dignity of every person without discrimination. To achieve this will also require the commitment of the media, of education and of culture to a renewed society pledged to freedom, justice and therefore peace.

The Message and all documents available: [CLICK HERE](#)

XXVIII Plenary Assembly (1-3 October 2014)

From the ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLENARY OF THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

I greet you all affectionately and I thank Cardinal Peter Turkson for the words with which he introduced this meeting. Your Plenary Assembly coincides with the fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, a fundamental document for the evangelization of society, which offers valuable guidelines for the presence of Catholics in society, in institutions, in the economy, in finance and in politics. **READ ALL**

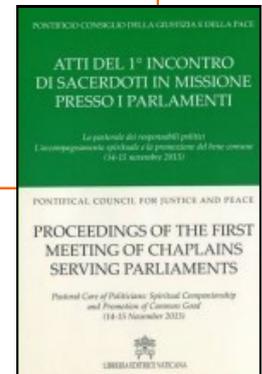
> A volume with a collection of texts from the Plenary Assembly is going to be published within the next months.



Latest Book

Proceedings of the First Meeting of Chaplains serving Parliaments
(LEV, 2014)

To deepen the Church's Magisterium regarding the importance of the commitment of Christians in politics and on issues related to it, as well as ethical issues and the progress of legislative developments achieved in many countries on bioethics, family law, migrants, religious freedom, etc.



The Global Common Good: Towards a more Inclusive Economy (11-12 July 2014)



The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (PCJP) has convened a two-day regarding the *Global Common Good*. The Seminar took place at the Pontifical Academy of Science inside Vatican City on **July 11th** and **12th**. The by-invitation-only seminar brought together leaders and experts from a number of areas, including leading economists, the finance community including central bankers and Nobel Prize winners, the Church, as well as heads of international and intergovernmental organizations, and NGOs.

ALL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

> A book with all documents and reflection post-seminar by the participants will be published next year.

World Meeting of Popular Movements (27-29 Oct.2014)



From 27-29 October, 2014, the World Meeting of Popular Movements took place in Rome.

The Meeting was organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, The Pontifical Academy for Sciences and in collaboration with the Confederation of the Workers of the Popular Economy.

His Holiness Pope Francis received all participants on October 28, in the Vatican.

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A Reflection:

LISTEN TO THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT!