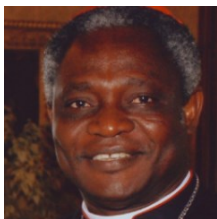


# JUSTPAX



## From the President

Dear Friends,

For our celebration of Lent this year, a very simple, rural interpretation of the sequence of celebration in the liturgical year may be useful.

According to this way of understanding the sequence of celebrations in the liturgical year, Advent is the period, when humanity in its experience of how difficult it is to live in peace in society, love one another, avoid conflicts etc., and freely worship God, yearns for God's help and grace. Humanity, in its great desire for help, prays for a saviour, indeed, that *"the heavens will shower righteousness ....and the earth bring forth salvation"* (cf. Is 45:8).

The feast of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, then, is seen as a celebration of God's gracious response to humanity's yearning and quest for help: for a **saviour**.

Cari amici,

Per la nostra celebrazione della Quaresima di quest'anno, può essere utile un' interpretazione molto semplice della sequenza delle celebrazioni all'interno dell'anno liturgico.

Secondo questo modo di intendere la sequenza delle celebrazioni dell'anno liturgico, l'Avvento è il periodo in cui l'umanità—sperimentando quanto sia difficile il vivere in pace nella società, l'amore reciproco, l'evitare i conflitti ecc., e liberamente adorare Dio—invoca l'aiuto e la grazia di Dio. L'umanità, nel suo grande desiderio di aiuto, prega per un salvatore: *"stillate, cieli, dall'alto ... si apra la terra e produca la salvezza"* (cfr. Is 45: 8). La festa della nascita di Gesù a Natale, poi, è vista come la celebrazione della risposta misericordiosa di Dio all'anelo dell'umanità e alla domanda di aiuto, di **un salvatore**. Quando, però, Gesù, risposta di Dio al desiderio degli uomini, inizia il suo ministero, presentando il regno di Dio come un nuovo modo di vivere e chiedendo una

When however Jesus, God's response to human yearning for a saviour, begins his ministry, presenting the Kingdom of God as a new way of living and its demand for a conversion: *a change of heart*, humanity recoils and turns away. Humanity has great difficulty embracing the help it has yearned and prayed for.

This human experience makes man recognize the existence within it of a force that resists God's help: the saviour sent by God, indeed, the help man has longed and prayed for. This resisting force is what the Christian religion calls, *the Power of Sin that reigns in our bodies* (Rm 6:12); and the **Season of Lent** is to have us recognize the presence within us of this power of sin, and seek to overcome it through listening to God's Word, imitating the goodness and kindness of God in Christ and staying in touch with God through prayer.

conversione, un cambiamento del cuore, l'umanità indietreggia e si allontana. L'umanità ha una grande difficoltà ad abbracciare quell'aiuto che aveva tanto desiderato e per il quale aveva pregato. Questa esperienza tutta umana rende l'uomo consapevole dell'esistenza dentro di sé di una forza che resiste all'aiuto di Dio, al salvatore inviato da Dio, quell'aiuto che l'uomo aveva tanto desiderato.

Questa forza di resistenza è ciò che chiamiamo, nella religione cristiana, la forza del peccato che regna nel nostro corpo (Rm 6,12); e il **tempo di Quaresima** ci serve proprio a riconoscere la presenza in noi di questo potere del peccato, per cercare di superarla attraverso l'ascolto della Parola di Dio, imitando la bontà e la gentilezza di Dio in Cristo e rimanendo in contatto con Dio attraverso la preghiera.

Peter K. A. Card. Turkson  
President

- > [Card. Turkson's Travel to Ireland : 4-5 March 2015 \[ENG\]](#)
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- > [Riappropriarsi della Democrazia, di M. TOSO, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Città del Vaticano 2014, pp. 63 \[ITA\]](#)
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## Expanding the Catholic Church's Commitment to the Ebola Emergency : the document

This document outlines, for the first time, a **pastoral response** to a relatively new disease that has devastated individuals, entire families and even communities, particularly in the **West African countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia**.

[For Holy See support to the local Church in the area see on our website \[CLICK HERE\]](#)



With the hope that you will enjoy reading this second number of our Newsletter JUSTPAX — the very first was a test number sent only to our Members and Consultors and you can find it on our website—we send you blessings in the Risen Lord, our Saviour, for a Happy Easter.

Augurandovi una buona lettura di questo secondo numero della nostra newsletter JUSTPAX - il primo è stato un test inviato solo ai nostri Membri e Consultori e lo si può trovare sul nostro sito - vi inviamo gli auguri di noi tutti per una Santa Pasqua, nel Signore risorto, nostro Salvatore.

## Bp. Mario Toso new Bishop of Faenza-Modigliana (Italy)



### A wish for an "action-oriented" future , by Flaminia Giovanelli

The Holy Father has named H. Exc. Msgr. Mario Toso, S.D.B., as Bishop of Faenza-Modigliana (Italy). Bishop Toso was Titular Bishop of Bisarcio and he has been the Secretary of our Pontifical Council for 5 years.

The Solemn Mass of Installation will be celebrated this coming Sunday, 15 March, at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Peter the Apostle, Faenza.

All the staff in the Pontifical Council, some Members and Consultors, the Under-Secretary, the Cardinal President, will be present at the ceremony.

*A wish to Msgr. Toso by Flaminia Giovanelli, Undersecretary, on behalf of us all :*

On the eve of a new beginning of Msgr. Mario Toso's pastoral service as Bishop of the Diocese of Faenza-Modigliana, we wish to express, on behalf of all the staff, Members and Consultors of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, our sincere gratitude to Msgr. Toso for the support and accomplishments attained during his tenure as Secretary of the Council.

In reflecting on these past five years, we cannot fail to mention that, in addition to having been of service to the Council first as a Consultor (1989-2009) and later in his capacity as Secretary, Msgr. Toso brought a gifted understanding of the Social Doctrine of the Church, making lasting contributions towards her mission and objectives. According to the indications of Blessed Paul VI PP., the social teachings of the Church in-fact offer, "*principles for reflection, criteria for judgment and directives for action.*" Msgr. Toso, with his Salesian concreteness and unique approach, was instrumental in living all three of these teachings; particularly towards taking "action." Our Council can vividly recall Msgr. Toso introducing the use of "best practices" that were inspired by the Church's social teachings in our daily actions, and which were especially evident during the numerous conferences and seminars organized under his leadership.

We are confident that Msgr. Toso's gifts and talents will find fertile ground in the Diocese of Faenza: a community that is rich in tradition, strong in cooperative spirit, and a testament of social entrepreneurship.

With all our hearts, we extend our prayerful good wishes to Msgr. Toso in this next chapter of his ecclesiastic service to the Church, which through its unique pastoral nature inspires the open nature of young people and their individual aspirations to transform towards with a charism of social evangelization.

[\[ITALIAN VERSION AVAILABLE\]](#)

[> Some of the several Activities and Interventions by H. Exc Bp. Mario Toso during his tenure at the PCJP \[ITA\]](#)

## REPAM MEETING (2-3 March 2015)

On March, 2 at 11 am, a press conference to present the Pan-Amazon Ecclesial Network (REPAM) was held at the Press Room of the Holy See. The interventions and dialogue that was then established with the assembly allowed to present the network, its priorities, the way it intends to place itself at the service of the activities that the Church already plays in the Amazon region and with the peoples living there.



On the afternoon of March 2, and on the whole day of March 3, a Meeting was held to work on coordination and internal issues, such as: link between REPAM and Church at the local level (especially with dioceses); presence of international networks, such as Caritas Internationalis and CIDSE, in the life of REPAM and in raising awareness in the public in many countries about the problems of the Amazon region; possible actions of political and institutional impact that REPAM could play, particularly with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights; communication strategies of REPAM inward and outward; the need to enhance spirituality and traditional knowledge of the peoples of the region.

[ALL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE](#)

## International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking (8 Feb 2015)

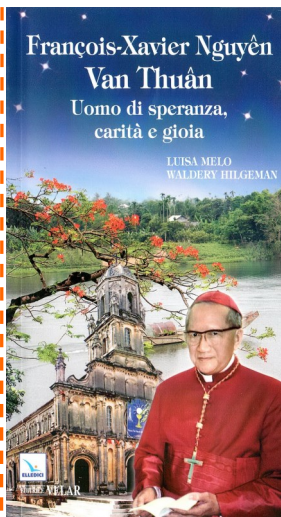
According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), roughly **21 million people**, often very poor and vulnerable, are **victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced labour and begging, illegal organ removal, domestic servitude, forced marriages, illegal adoption** and other forms of exploitation. Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery, and 60 percent of them are women and children.

They often suffer abuse and unspeakable violence...

The Pontifical Council supported the initiative **A LIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING, International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking.**

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### Cause of Beatification of Cardinal Van Thuân: A BIOGRAPHY

ELLEDICI-Velar has published in March 2015, a biography in Italian of Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Van Thuân, entitled: **François-Xavier Nguyễn Van Thuân. Uomo di speranza, carità e gioia.**

The biography, work of the Postulator of the Cause of Beatification of the Servant of God - Dr. Waldery Hilgeman - and the official of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace who is referent for the Cause - Dr. Luisa Melo - contains a poignant memory written by His Eminence Card. José Saraiva Martins, Prefect emeritus of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

For information on the Cause and to buy the book, write to:  
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### JUSTICE & PEACE in the world:

#### Commission Diocésaine « Justice et Paix » de Bukavu— Dem. Rep. Of Congo

**Empowerment of the woman also depends on her participation in decision-making bodies. [FRA]**

A reflection on the 3rd Millennium Development Goal "Promote gender and equality and empower Women" published on *Flash special*, the monthly bulletin of the Diocesan Commission for Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo.

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## Latest Book

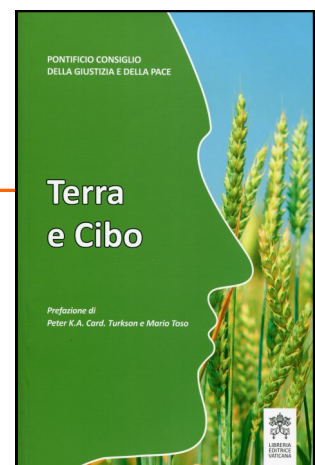
**Terra e Cibo**  
(LEV, 2015)

"Terra e Cibo" is a new contribution of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2015, year of the EXPO dedicated to the theme **Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life**, a year in which culminates the reflection coordinated by the United Nations on future targets for sustainable development.

The book offers insights for the present and future on, among others, the right to food, to land and the exploitation of natural resources, in view of the common good of the entire human family.

> **The book will be published within next months also in English, French and Spanish**

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## A Reflection for Lent:

In the hustle and bustle of life, it is important to **have the courage to stop and choose**. The season of Lent serves this very purpose.

"it's not easy to choose". It's more comfortable "to live by letting ourselves be carried by the inertia of life, of situations, of habits". This is why "today the Church tells us: 'You are responsible; you have to choose'". And thus the Pontiff raised some questions: "Have you chosen? How do you live? What is your lifestyle, your way of living, like? Is it on the side of life or on the side of death?"

**Pope Francis, Daily meditations at Domus Sanctae Marthae** [\[ENG\]](#) [\[ITA\]](#) [\[FRA\]](#) [\[ESP\]](#) [\[POR\]](#)