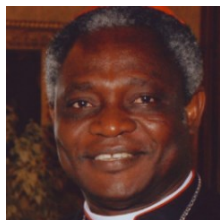




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From the President

Dear Friends,

First, the topic of **climate change and human development** opens up some of the most far-reaching changes facing humanity in our present time. At a granular level, these changes are too many and too diverse to even enumerate. Progress has its dark sides and unacceptable costs. Despite the generation of great wealth, we find starkly rising disparities. We are all aware of both the marvels of human advance and the huge deficiencies of our world: deficiencies of ever-growing **poverty, inequality, hunger**. And, beyond all shame, many of our fellow men, women and children are treated as mere instruments of labour, profit pleasure, especially through human trafficking and **modern forms of slavery**.

Indifference and what Pope Francis calls *the throwaway culture's* approach apply – unfortunately – also to the way we treat our world, the Earth, that beautiful Garden that was given to us as a place of delight, as our home. Climate-related disasters are a reality both for poor and wealthy countries. The Church doctrine is the message of the Bible: "Till the earth and keep it" (Gen 2:15). But the truth is that we have tilled too much and kept too little!

The publication of the **Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis entitled "Laudato Si'. On the care of our common home"** synthesizes the Pope's teaching on how development, the realization of a basic vocation of the human person (cf. *Caritas in veritate*, §16) needs to satisfy the well-being of all, producing no poor and excluding no one, and to respect the natural environment, the common home of man.

God has given this planet as a gift to all of us. Thus, the correct response to receiving such a magnificent gift is surely one of gratitude, love and respect. Balanced concept of "tilling" and "keeping" implies a vital and reciprocal relationship between humanity and the created world. Every person and every community has a sacred duty to draw prudently, respectfully and gratefully from the goodness of the earth, and to care for it in a way that assures its continued fruitfulness for generations to come. God gave us the earth as a garden; we may not bequeath it to future generations as a wilderness!

Second, in this year of the World Expo – Milan 2015 on the theme : *Feeding the Planet, energy for All*, the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*Be praised, My Lord* in Umbrian Vulgar Latin form, the famous *Canticum of the Sun* by St. Francis of Assisi) invites to the practice of **solidarity**. It helps to reminds us that when we pray, we say: "Give us this day our daily bread".

We do not say: "Give me this day my daily bread". So we recognize the need and the right of all to food—may they all have the right also to produce their own food. For, as Pope Benedict XVI has observed: "the elimination of world hunger has also, in the global era, become a requirement for safeguarding the peace and stability of the planet" (CIV, §27).

Third, 7 December 2015 will be the **50th anniversary of *Gaudium et Spes***, the document of the Vatican Council II that lays the basis for and expounds on the Church's commitment to the social order, as an "eloquent expression of her solidarity and respectful affection" (§3) **with humanity in its walk through history**.

The Pontifical Council of Justice intends to celebrate the publication of this conciliar document, ***Gaudium et spes***, in a 3-day seminar in November with its Members and Consultors, and with invited representatives of Centres of Study of the Church's Social Doctrine.

Fourth, the proclamation and celebration of a **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, invite the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace to follow upon its *International Seminar on Towards an Inclusive Economy* (July 2014), with another International Seminar to explore ways of reformulating instruments of the financial industry to concretely serve an Economy of Inclusion.

With our prayerful wishes for God's blessings,

Peter K. A. Card, Turkson
President

NEWS:

✓ Flaminia Giovanelli: THE POST-2015 AGENDA ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND TOOLS FOR GOVERNANCE. A CULTURE FOR A NEW HUMANISM [ITA]

✓ Peter Turkson: Card. Turkson to UN High Level Event on Climate Change. A Statement [ENG]

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On the occasion of the launch of the Encyclical, our Pontifical Council put online a new website www.laudatosi.va with the purpose of spreading THE TEXT of the papal Letter, and to give to our readers all documents and material useful to deepen the study and knowledge of it.

All interventions from the PRESS CONFERENCE of the Presentation of the Encyclical Letter.



A THEMATIC GUIDE is offered in more than 20 languages for an initial reading and to help grasping the overall development and identify the basic themes.

The “mini-website” will be enriched, day by day, with INSIGHTS, VIDEOS AND PHOTOS, with the hope that they will be useful tools for your studies, researches...



Women's International Conference (22-24 May, 2015)

2015 is a crucial year for the international community. Indeed, the United Nations is elaborating a new post-2015 development agenda, which will be carried out through a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

All the currently proposed SDGs have relevant implications for women. In order to reflect on the women's issue in this perspective, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, together with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) and the World Women's Alliance for Life and Family (WWALF), organised an International Conference under the title *Women and the post-2015 development agenda - The challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*. This International Conference followed up the one held in 2009 under the title "Life, family and development: the role of women in the promotion of human rights".

Women and the post-2015 development agenda - The challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) took place in Rome **from 22 to 24 of May 2015**.

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Videomessage from Bono to the Pontifical Council at Expo2015

Bono Vox, leader of the rockband U2, sent a message to Card. Turkson during the presentation of the book *Terra e Cibo*. His words to encourage a rebirth of the Jubilee2000 campaign *Drop the debt*.

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Presentation of *Terra e Cibo* EXPO 2015

The book *Terra e Cibo*, published by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, was presented on May 28, 2015, at the *Coldiretti Pavilion* of Expo2015, in Milan.

All documents [ITA]

The French edition of the book is now available

English and Spanish versions will be soon published

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Newly appointed Members and Consultors of the PCJP:

The Holy Father Pope Francis appointed **Card. Pierre NGUYÊN VĂN NHON**, Archbishop of Hà Nội, Việt Nam, and **Card. Alberto SUÁREZ INDA**, Archbishop of Morelia, Mexico, as Members; **Rev. Fr. Prof. Timothy RADCLIFFE, OP** (Great Britain) as Consultor.

Our welcome in our family and best wishes!

PARIS: World Summit of Conscience (21st July 2015)



People from many of the world's religions and wisdoms met in Paris on July 21, 2015, for the *World Summit of Conscience* to answer the question "Why do I care about the planet?" and launch a "Call to Conscience for the climate". His Eminence Cardinal Turkson was the Catholic representative among the key religious and cultural figures attending the Summit, and spoke during the Opening Session. [READ MORE](#)

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PAKISTAN:

H. Exc. Msgr. Joseph Arshad, Bishop of Faisalabad and President of the National Commission "Justice and Peace" (NCJP) of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Pakistan says in a note sent to *Agenzia Fides*: "The Pope's encyclical is a call for unity: unity in prayer for the environment, for the conversion of hearts and lifestyles, to respect and love all that is given to us by God in this universe"

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5-6 November 2015:

International Gathering on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of *Gaudium et Spes*

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A Reflection:

[...] This has always been "the story of martyrs", even "those of the Old Testament, about whom St Stephen was speaking in the Sanhedrin". The problem is that "certain hearts never like the word of God; the word of God is bothersome when you have a hardened heart, when you have a pagan heart, because the word of God challenges you to go forth [...] Even today, "how many 'Stephens' there are in the world!" [...] "Let us think of our brothers whose throats were cut on the beach in Libya; let us think of that young man burned alive by companions for being a Christian; let us think of those immigrants on the high seas who were thrown overboard by the others for being Christians; let us think — the day before yesterday — of those Ethiopians, assassinated for being Christians". And still, he added, "so many others that we don't know, who suffer in prisons because they are Christians"

Pope Francis, *Daily meditations at Domus Sanctae Marthae*, 21 April 2015