

NEWSLETTER

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In Pursuit of Peace

On the 9th January 2023 Pope Francis addressed the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See. In his address the pope made reference to Saint John XXIII Encyclical Pacem in Terris on its 60th anniversary. This encyclical was written at a time of escalation to-

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"Just because somebody disagrees with you it doesn't make them bad or evil. We are all more the same than we are different, and there are so many people who are trying to stoke those differences, and we have to try as best we can to look for the light, look for the joy, because if you do it's out there."

- James Corden -

wards nuclear war, a time which we are again faced with 60 years later.

We would like to share a few extracts of this address which can be read in full [here](#).

"Diplomacy is an exercise of humility, since it demands that we sacrifice something of our self-regard in order to build a relationship with others, to understand their thinking and points of view, and thus to oppose the human pride and arrogance that are the cause of every will to wage war."

"Today the third world war is taking place in a globalized world where conflicts involve only certain areas of the planet directly, but in fact involve them all."

"War particularly affects those who are most fragile – children, the elderly, the disabled – and leaves an indelible mark on families."

"At a time of such great conflict, we cannot avoid wondering about how we can weave anew the threads of peace. Where do we begin?"

Quoting Saint John XXIII Pope Francis reiterates that peace is possible when grounded in four fundamental goods: truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. "These serve as the pillars that regulate relationships between individuals and political communities alike."

By peace in **truth**, it is meant that every human being is a person endowed with intelligence and free will – this reality translates into universal and inviolable rights and duties. A right to express oneself freely, and to be given access to the truth – not a warped self-serving half-truth.

Half-truths result in irrational fears. "Fears fuelled by ignorance and prejudice, and thus easily degenerate into conflicts. Education is the antidote to this." An educated mind has the ability to assess and form an unbiased opinion on how to deal with uncertainty in life.

By peace in **justice**, it is implied that "Building peace requires pursuing justice" and that "we must return to dialogue, mutual listening, and negotiation, and foster shared responsibility and cooperation in the pursuit of the common good. Efforts to preclude or veto discussion will only fuel further divisions."

By peace in **solidarity**, it is implied that "the paths of peace are paths of solidarity, for no one can be saved alone. We live in a world so interconnected that, in the end, the actions of each have consequences for all." We must practice solidarity in the way we address migration, economy and work, and the care of our planet.

By peace in **freedom**, it is implied that "building peace requires that there be no place for violation of the freedom, integrity and security of other nations". "This can come about only if, in every single community, there does not prevail that culture of oppression and aggression in which our neighbour is regarded as an enemy to attack, rather than a brother or sister to welcome and embrace".

"It is a source of concern that, in many parts of the world, there is a weakening of democracy and of the breadth of freedom that it enables, albeit with all the limitations of any human system. It is women or ethnic minorities who often pay the price for this, as too do entire societies in which unrest leads to social tensions and even armed clashes."

"A sign of the weakening of democracy is heightened political and social polarization, which does not help to resolve the urgent problems of citizens."

The pope concludes his address using the words of John XXIII, "we nonetheless remain hopeful that, by establishing contact with one another and by a policy of negotiation, nations will come to a better recognition of the natural ties that bind them together as men and women. We are hopeful, too, that they will come to a fairer realization of one of the cardinal duties deriving from our common nature: namely, that love, not fear, must dominate the relationships between individuals and between nations. It is principally characteristic of love that it draws men and women together in all sorts of ways, sincerely united in the bonds of mind and matter; and this is a union from which countless blessings can flow".

Be the change you want to see, be that change today!



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Let's Meet!

The Żgħażaġh Haddiema Nsara movement seeks to educate young workers, in all aspects, so as to be better prepared for the responsibilities that life presents us with. We also seek to provide young workers with useful services.

As a movement we seek to represent young workers in discussions with the

authorities, employers and local, national and international organisations. (Art. 8 of the Movement's Statute).

Want to meet up? We are always open to discussion and collaboration.

And thanks to a grant received from Aġenzija Żgħażaġh, under the Assistance For You (A4U) scheme, one of the rooms at the Movement's headquarters in Floriana has been set up specifically to better facilitate meetings. It is equipped with audiovisual facilities for video-conferencing to widen participation.

In the next few weeks new initiatives will be announced.

Would you like to receive updates, or are interested to collaborate or join our movement? [Send us a message](#). Let's meet!



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Workers Day

A Celebration of Work

Many countries celebrate workers day on the 1st of May. This day is a celebration of all those women and men that through their honest hard work contribute towards the well being and success of their society. Sadly the day gets overshadowed with political ideology.

This day is a reminder to all workers that

working is not work - work is an act of participating in building something that is bigger than ourselves. Workers, be proud of what you do, whatever it is, celebrate it.

This day is a reminder to those in authority of their sacred duty to enact legislation to protect workers rights, to improve work conditions - especially as we work longer years, and to ensure that no worker is exploited or treated unjustly. It is also a day were employers are reminded that no worker must ever be treated as a replaceable commodity.

This day places a special responsibility on governments to address issues of health and safety at work and to properly, conclusively and transparently investigate any shortcomings leading to death and injury at work, both through criminal proceedings and through public inquiries that seek to address shortcomings and bad work practices.

We wish you all a great workers day. Let us all work towards a brighter and better future for all.



Earth to come: United for change



On the weekend of July 14, 15 and 16, 2023, the JOC de France (France Young Christian Workers) will bring together 500 activists for its national rally of activists: "Earth to come: united for change". The event will take place in Jambville (78), at the Center d'Activités des Scouts et Guides de France.

This gathering is part of the JOC de France National Action Campaign "World to come is our future: Let's be the links of change!". Since September 2022 the JOC de France has been discussing sustainable development, it's place in our lives and raising awareness of the social, environmental and economic inequalities that young people especially those from the working class and working-class neighbourhoods suffer.

Through this gathering, we want to speak up against the inequalities experienced by young people, discover and discuss local policies in terms of urban policy and ecological transition, deconstruct perceived ideas on economic dogma and formulate local proposals.

The JOC de France invites you to attend all or part of our gathering to witness the work of the young people of the JOC de France during this weekend.

If you are interested to attend get in touch with the Zghazagh Haddiema Nsara (Malta). Participation must be registered with the JOC de France by the 22nd of May, 2023 latest.