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## **Narrative**

### **Life is a walk, a walk with joy!**

**Galo Reinaldo Bogarín (PAR)**

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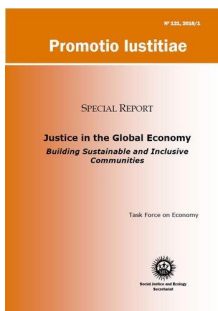
I present this narrative to you intending it to be a "sharing" of the experiences and motivations of my life; what I have been collecting, learning, and sharing from the mission in the social apostolate, initiated in 2005 in CEPAG.

Until that year, my job was to make designs for architectural and construction projects, which were linked to social questions. Taking the more profound decision to support rural and indigenous communities through this mission constituted an important step in my life. From there on, I had to work with my companions in the mission to design and plan strategies and projects for the training of farmers and indigenous people; through agro-ecological production, through organization by production committees and their instruments, and through education; seeking to improve the living conditions of families, all the while promoting and building a better country with the accompaniment of the Church. [Read more...](#)

## **Flashnews**

### **Global - Special Jesuit report: Justice in the global economy**

Since the beginning of his Pontificate, Pope Francis has repeatedly called both the Church and the larger society to turn their attention to issues of justice in today's global economy.



This is the challenge taken up in this special report, to reflect on how current economics are affecting inclusion and sustainability and to explore ways in which economics can better respond to the needs of the poor and the environment. The Jesuit Secretariats for Social Justice and Ecology and for Higher Education assigned this task to a Task Force of experts that have produced the document. It has been published as PJ 121: [download pdf...](#)

## Global - Healing Earth project



Healing Earth is a free online environmental textbook written by over 90 contributors around the world for the last 3 years and sponsored by Jesuits worldwide. It addresses the most pressing environmental issues of our time, including loss of biodiversity, natural resource exhaustion, transition to sustainable energy, the quality and availability of food and water, and global climate change. It addresses major environmental concerns through an educational resource, offering spiritual and ethical perspectives and proposing ways of action. [Visit the textbook...](#)

## Global - Video on "Networking for Justice" meeting



Jesuit Networking has launched a [brief video recap](#) of the insights of the meeting that took place in Loyola, last November, which shows the collaborative efforts that are already taking place across different conferences and in different parts of the world, to defend the rights of the most vulnerable through Networking for Justice. Here you can also access the [Networking for Justice final document](#).

## Global - Edujesuit promoting quality education



The new Agenda for Sustainable Development approved by United Nations gathers 17 Goals to "transform our world" and are directed towards economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection. [Edujesuit](#), in collaboration with [Ecojesuit](#), has called a group of experts to share featured editorials on each one of the Sustainable Development Goals throughout the year. [Learn more...](#)

## Chad - First Fe y Alegría Congress in Africa



More than 40 participants from various Jesuit Provinces in Africa gathered from January 25 - 31 in Chad, for the first ever Fe y Alegría Congress in Africa. Fe y Alegría has been working to spread its educational mission in Africa since 2007, when Fe y Alegría Chad was founded. Fe y Alegría is one of the most important education Jesuit networks. It annually reaches over 1.5 million students, adults and minors, in low-income neighborhoods and rural communities. [Read more...](#)

## Asia Pacific - Scholastics learn planning for natural disasters



During their workshop from December 18 and 30, 25 Jesuit scholastics from across the Asia Pacific Conference visited Tacloban, in the Philippines, two years after Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda in the Philippines). They went to reconstructed sites, and met with local communities and authorities in Tacloban City. What they saw guided their reflections as they each developed a plan for disaster and risk

reduction management (DRRM) within the context of their provinces and regions. [Read more...](#)

## Spain - Jesuits launch "Hospitality campaign"



Following an initiative of Jesuits in Latin America, the organizations of the Social Apostolate in Spain have launched a campaign to promote a culture of hospitality and inclusion of migrants and refugees. Europe is witnessing the worst refugee crisis since World War II, most of them arriving from Syria. Entrenched conflicts are forcing civilians to flee to seek a better future. This reality challenges us and forces us to reflect on our own capacity both to accept migrants and to cooperate to address the underlying causes of these massive movements. [Learn more...](#)

## USA - Jesuits Welcome Decisions on Juvenile Justice



Jesuits of the United States applaud the Obama Administration and the Supreme Court for recent decisions that will improve the nation's justice system. "These decisions reflect important truths about children and our justice system," said Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ, president of the Jesuit Conference. [Learn more...](#)

## Portugal - Ignatian Identity for Social Apostolate



The Portuguese Social Apostolate Commission organized its first training module about Ignatian Identity. It took place on November 30 and December 1 at the Ignatian Retreat House in Sintra. Alzira Fernandes guided the first day of the meeting. She challenged the participants to become aware of their inner feelings and movements. This self-knowledge of the inner reality was focused on the perspective of its influence on human relationships, particularly with regard to labour relations. [Learn more...](#)

## Asia Pacific - Converging to dialogue on sustainability of life



This August will see an estimated 100 Jesuits, collaborators and friends converging in Indonesia to reflect, discuss and explore actions on sustainability of life in the ASEAN context. The meeting will be the largest collaboration across sectors in the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific in recent years, and will be titled "A call to dialogue on sustainability of life in the ASEAN context". It will be held in Yogyakarta, from August 7 to 10. [Read more...](#)

## India - Updates from the Loch Manch Forum



Lok Manch is a people's forum for Development and Access to Entitlements of the Marginalised. It is a common forum of marginalised communities: dalits, adivasis, minorities, urban poor and others. Lok Manch is a faith-inspired movement, facilitated and accompanied by the Jesuits, partners and collaborators. A Facebook page has been recently created in view of providing updates and stories. [Learn more...](#)

## Bolivia - ACLO's first 50 years

Jesuits in Bolivia founded Acción Cultural Loyola (ACLO) in 1966. It has worked for farmers in the south of the country, as it is the largest and most marginalized group, with a strong culture and capacities to contribute to social and political change. ACLO has promoted education for decades. Today they focus on fostering civic participation, preserving the environment and supporting economic development. [Learn more...](#)



## Poland - A migrant day celebration



On January 17, Migrant and Refugee Day in the Catholic Church, Jesuit Social Centre in Warsaw presented itself. Beneficiaries and workers of the Centre took part in a national television programme - "Miedzy Niebem a Ziemia" ("Between Heaven and Earth") - and shared how the organization helps refugees on their arrival to Warsaw. Members of the

Centre also participated in a Holy Mass with the Archbishop of Warszawa-Praga diocese. The Eucharist was celebrated at Fu Shenfu - the Divine Word Missionaries' Centre. A meeting following the Mass created an opportunity to share testimonies and experiences for all gathered.

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