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Headlines

General Curia of the Society of Jesus



Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat

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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Warm greetings from the Secretariat!

The current situation in Europe, particularly in Ukraine reiterates the need to be ever more committed in the quest for a more just and reconciled world. Although struggling to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, the entire world, Europe in particular, is caught up in another unprecedented crisis; the war between Ukraine and Russia which if not dealt with carefully may consume all of Europe. For those committed to works of social justice, this situation in this era may evoke a feeling of frustration and senselessness of the efforts made to see reconciliation, peace, and justice prevail. For how long shall humanity work to live as brothers and sisters – *Fratelli Tutti?*

Despite these glaring failures to make reconciliation, justice and peace prevail, we can not give up on these efforts. In effect, these efforts are humanizing. The efforts made in discerning a pathway for integral human development after the pandemic, to train young environmental entrepreneurs and to network in order to support the vulnerable, although they may not yield the desired goals, are humanizing. These are the efforts that make us more human and certain that Social Justice is not utopic. As we keep praying that the war in Ukraine comes to an end so that peace and reconciliation prevail, may we not halt in doing the amazing humanizing efforts which are even more needed now.

With best wishes from the SJES team.

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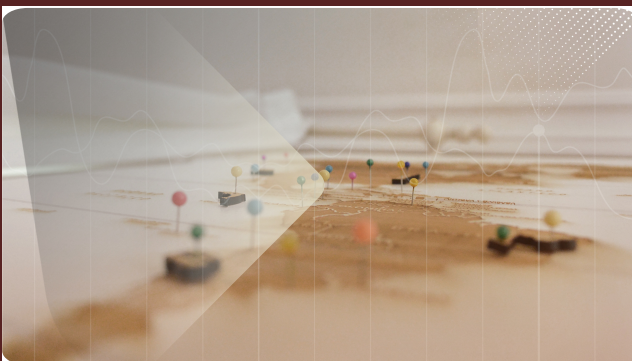


Amazing Humanizing Efforts in the Social Apostolate

Matthew Ippel, SJ
JRS - South Sudan

“That khawaja, he’s the pilot.” A Sudanese refugee uttered these words in Arabic as she passed me, a *khawaja* or foreigner, in a refugee camp in northeastern South Sudan. I had recently arrived to Maban to begin my work with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and these words [Read more...](#)

NEWS



Latin America – Word from CPAL: PAC.2 and the LA Reality of the Pandemic

In the year 2021, a year of tenacious



Madagascar – Environmental Entrepreneurs in Madagascar

Jesuit Missions has been supporting the Arrupe Centre in Madagascar

pandemic, the Conference of Jesuit Provincials of Latin America and the Caribbean approved the common lines of action for all the networks linked to the Society of Jesus in the continent in the coming years. It is a matter of facing the reality experienced by hundreds of [Read more...](#)

since January 2020 in their efforts to strengthen environmental education and raise awareness in the country. Madagascar is already struggling with the effects of climate change, notably with ongoing drought in the south which has left more than a million people with food insecurity. The country [Read more..](#)



Spain – We are Amazonia, Let's Defend our Common Home

The planet is telling us enough is enough. The health and economic crisis resulting from the pandemic caused by Covid-19 cannot hide the persistence of other systemic crises, which, as always, unequally and more aggressively affect the most vulnerable territories and societies. The Amazon [Read more...](#)



Latin America – Jesuit Networks: Key to New Apostolic Initiatives

The emergence of apostolic network structures in response to the new intersectoral or supra-provincial complexities of the Society's mission is accompanied by the difficulty of integration with our typical structures and the need to rethink our traditional forms of governance and [Read more...](#)



Centro Social São Francisco Xavier Boa Vista (RR)



Latin America – Fé y Alegría Brazil Social Center for Vulnerable Population

According to a study by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) published in 2019, Roraima is the state with the highest rate of social inequality in the country, with about 25% of its population living below the poverty line. Another critical situation in the region is the worsening migration crisis as thousands [Read more...](#)



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Prevention and Education Critical in Ending Violence against Women

Australia – Prevention and Education Critical in Ending Violence against Women

The implementation of adequately funded prevention and education services are vital in fostering safe and respectful relationships, and ultimately working towards the goal of ending violence against women, says Jesuit Social Services. “We applaud the strength and courage of 2021 Australian of the Year Grace Tame and [Read more...](#)



Mexico – The Validity of Indigenous Struggles

The struggle against mining, which today finds a new space in the legal arena, is exemplary of the multiple and varied efforts that indigenous peoples carry forward to defend their territory. On February 5, 2022 Carmen Santiago Alonso passed away, an emblematic human rights [Read more...](#)

Africa – The Maisha Center Raises Awareness on Sanitation at the Limanga N’sse Market in Mangobo

The vendors of the Limanga N'se market, located in the town of Mangobo in Kisangani, were sensitized this Saturday, February 12, 2022 on environmental sanitation to fight against covid-19 disease and diseases related to environment under the theme "A healthy body in a healthy [Read more...](#)



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A CONTEMPLATIVE IN ACTION
The life of an Indian Jesuit spent working with the poor
Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ



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