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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!

For our Easter message, it is our joy to share with you the invitation of Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ our Superior General, to light a candle for Reconciliation and Justice in our world today. Below is the full text of his request.

Humanity is living through a difficult and dangerous time. Wars are breaking out across the world, even in places we thought had learned to avoid resorting to war to settle differences. Wars further aggravate the deterioration of the environment and delay urgent and necessary action. The need for justice and reconciliation to achieve peace is ever-more pressing. As humanity we are once again at a turning point. We need to awaken our deepest strength. As we see the shadows around us, let us become aware of the enormous risks to which we are subjecting human life and the life of planet Earth.

A different narrative is possible. We can live this moment as an opportunity to go beyond as individuals, as communities, as Church, as Humanity. As a sign of hope renewed by the Easter experience, I invite all people who are wholeheartedly committed to justice, reconciliation and peace to light a candle during this Easter season. A candle is a symbol of light; it is a symbol that illuminates our gaze, helps us to see, in order to better find our way. In the Christian tradition it symbolizes Jesus, the crucified-resurrected one.

Kindle a light for reconciliation and peace in your parish church, in the chapel you attend, in the spiritual center where you retreat, in your home, in your social center or in your workplace...

This light that I am kindling now will be burning throughout Easter as a sign of reconciliation, of our longing for peace and of our desire to participate in the creation of this alternative narrative. Join us in that movement.

We want to prevent the destruction of humanity, of the whole world. We want to contribute to stop the destruction of brothers and sisters against each other... we want to help the survival of vulnerable people: mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, boys, girls, the elderly... Each one of us can do something. Let us ignite the flame, a small but important gesture of hope; a protest against injustice. With it we unite our voice with so many of our brothers and sisters who say "enough"... Together we ask for justice and for the truth to shine. We commit ourselves to contribute to the reconciliation that opens the doors to societies of people living in freedom.

(From Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus)

Happy Easter from the SJES team.

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
SJES Secretary

NEWS



Sri Lanka – The Plight Of Sri Lanka Under The Crippling Economic Crisis

Sri Lanka is passing through an acute economic crisis due to depletion in foreign reserves which in turn has resulted in shortages of fuel, food, medicines, cement and other essential items in the country. Sri Lankan government is hopeful that with the policy measures initiated [Read more...](#)



Venezuela – Jesuit Works in Venezuela Face the Crisis

The *Spes Consortium* was born as a need for a joint response, among the works of the Society of Jesus in Venezuela, to the crisis that the country is experiencing in order to restore and guarantee the rights of the vulnerable population. This Consortium is made [Read more...](#)

Global – The Justice and Ecology Congress Spurs Synodality in Action

The Spirituality Centre at Loyola, Spain, brought together, from 28 March to 1 April, a diverse group of 153 delegates from 26 different nations, who gathered to consider the future of the Social Apostolate in Europe and the Near East. In planning for more than a year, the *Justice and Ecology* [Read more...](#)



Spain – “Companies for the Common Good”, On the Road to Socio-Environmental Justice

Throughout the months of January, February and March 2022, the seminar "Companies for the common good" was held at the Molinuevo campus of Egibide in Vitoria-Gasteiz, organized by SETEM and Alboan, [Read more...](#)



**It is 11 years already since the war broke out in Syria.
We advocate and pray for Peace in Syria.**



Latine America – The Multiple Faces of Migration on the Bolivia-Chile Border

The current government of Chile postponed the State of Emergency for 15 days, which means that migrants cannot enter that territory by land. The Jesuit Migrant Service Foundation receives daily between 3 to 4 groups of migrants, who indicate that they [Read more...](#)

Latin America – Hospitality SJMR BRAZIL

The program "ACOLHE BRAZIL" mobilizes solidarity networks for Ukrainians and Afghans. This initiative of the Jesuit Service to Migrants and Refugees Brazil, which was born in 2018 to support the internalization of Venezuelan migrants and refugees, begins a second stage with the objective of favoring the reception of [Read more...](#)



Global – Opening Up to Interculturality

The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development has made available to all Church actors and other interested parties a guide with pastoral orientations on how to approach the intercultural reality of the populations [Read more...](#)

Timor Leste – Accelerating the Water Project in Timor-Leste

This month's eNews coincides with World Water Day on 22 March. We reached out to Jose, the Program Manager Assistant for Jesuit Social Service's (JSS) Water Project in Timor-Leste on the importance of his role. "I started working here in mid-2021. JSS needed a [Read more...](#)





A Candle at Easter for Reconciliation and Justice in our World.



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