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

Warm greetings from the Secretariat!

On November 13, we celebrated the World Day of the Poor. Despite our desire to eradicate poverty, the poor are becoming poorer daily. The poor and vulnerable are not somewhere else but around us, close to us, and sometimes are the victims of our indifference. As Pope Francis said, "that inner deafness which we all suffer from, and which prevents us from hearing the stifled cry of pain of the frailest".

Hearing the cry of the poor is a conscious attempt. Despite the dangers, we acknowledge that some of us have been attempting to amplify the cry to be heard at the portals of power. They walk with the excluded and share their vulnerabilities. The occasion of the world day of the poor offered us an opportunity to review our Jesuit mission in the social apostolate. Furthermore, with the growth of climate catastrophes, walking with the excluded also means participating in ecological conversions, actions, research and practices to care for our common home. Participation in COP27 and other advocacy works to promote and respect the rights of the poor follow this line.

May God open our eyes and ears to hear the cry of the excluded, victimised and the earth at the start of Advent.

Best wishes,

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
SJES Secretary

CRY OF THE POOR

Curia – World Day of the Poor Message

Dear Friends in the Lord, Our mother Church today celebrates the World Day of the Poor. Initiated in 2017, the Holy Father wanted a day for paying particular attention to marginalised people through whom, [Read more...](#)



Testimonies



Ukraina – Mykhailiuk Liudmila's story

Mykhailiuk Liudmila is a mother of two boys living in the JRS shelter in Lviv. She arrived there after fleeing the war which had already engulfed her hometown. [Read more...](#)



Slovakia – Anna's story

Anna was a 13-year-old student in Kharkov when war woke her up in the middle of the night on February 24. "My mother woke me up with the words that the war had begun and my native Kharkov was attacked. [Read more...](#)

News



Australia – This Christmas a Gift for Change can help rebuild lives in Ukraine.

For eight months, the Jesuits in Europe, with the support of Jesuit Mission Australia, have been providing emergency assistance, shelter and opportunity [Read more...](#)



Venezuela – Parish Days for the Poorest

In the parish of *Jesús Obrero de Los Flores de Catia*, an apostolic work of the Society of Jesus, there is a constant tension to discern and operate within the horizon of the Universal Apostolic [Read more...](#)

CRY OF THE EARTH : COP 27



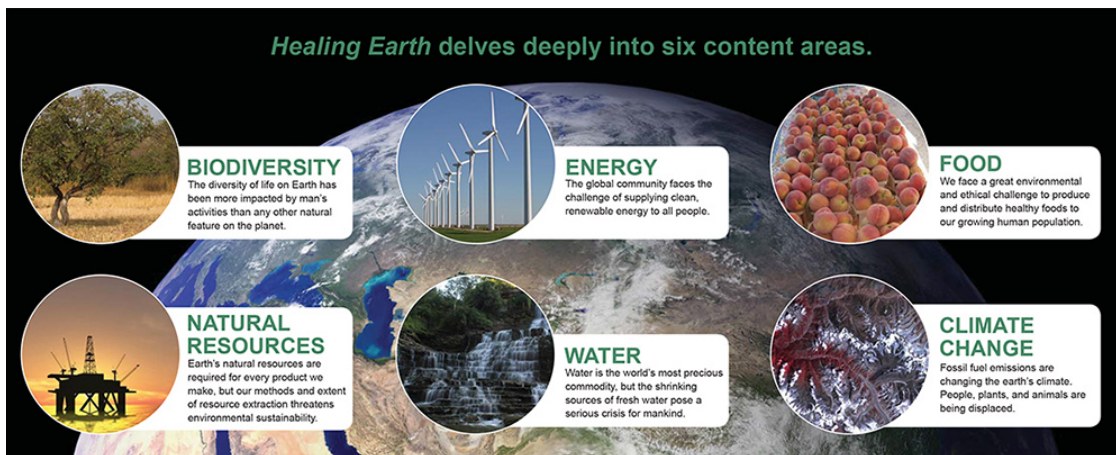
Africa – The African Catholic Church takes an active part in COP 27

After COP 26 fails to address the question of climate justice, African countries intend to take advantage of COP27 in Africa (Egypt) to be heard and bring the world nations to commit to this issue and many others for safeguarding the planet [Read more...](#)



Canada – Green energy transition must not sacrifice human rights, says Jesuit priest

As Canada and other countries transition to green energy technology in response to climate change, Fr Jacques Nzumbu SJ underscored that such a move must not be made at the expense of the environment, [Read more...](#)



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