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

Warm greetings from the Secretariat!

This is the first newsletter of the year 2023. Hence, let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a happy new year with abundant blessings. We are opening the year with the good news of the launch of the online interactive Global Map of Jesuit Social Centres on February 3 by Fr. General.

In this issue of HL, you will find much consoling information on how some of the institutions reviewed their annual activities and future challenges. Ecojesuit and CELAM share their work from last year and their perspectives for this new year. Spanish province began the year with a mega event in Loyola, titled *Sintonizando2023*, with more than 200 participants to review their journey over the years and to renew their social justice and ecology mission for the future.

In different parts of the world, the increase in injustices, poverty, and climate change, besides war and violence, have pushed many people to migrate to other places and countries and made them refugees. Jesuit institutions in many countries campaign for human dignity and rights while providing opportunities and means for their livelihood. May this new year help us become compassionate to the vulnerable and desire to work to heal our broken world. As Pope Francis reminded us, “we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other.”

Best wishes,

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
SJES Secretary

EVENTS

Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat



Fraternity at Frontiers

Launch of an Interactive Map

Fr Arturo Sosa
Superior General of the Society of Jesus



Rome CET: 14:30
New Delhi IST: 19:00
Manila CST: 21:30
New York EST: 08:30

3 February 2023

Kindly register to participate

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Fr Arturo Sosa, Jesuit General Superior, shall launch the virtual map of worldwide Jesuit social centres to commemorate the **International Day of Human Fraternity**. [Read more...](#)

MEETINGS

Spain – The “Sintonizando” social sector meeting gets underway

From Thursday, January 12th, until Sunday, January 15th, the social sector meeting 2023, entitled "Sintonizando", was held in Loyola after more than 12 years since the last meeting in Los Negrales in 2009. [Read more...](#)



Fe e Alegria – Coordinating the Sustainability of one of our Large Networks

The meeting was part of the Federation’s Global Plan 2021-2025, which highlights the role of the people responsible for projects, as teams that work with commitment and enthusiasm to “project” the future of Fe y Alegria. [Read more...](#)

TESTIMONY



A light sparkling in the Honduran shadows, The Jesuit Social Apostolate for a new Honduras.

“I’ve never been inside a radio studio but when I listen to you, it’s like I’m hearing my own ideas: you’re saying exactly what I want for my country, for my people.” [Read more...](#)

NEWS



Honduras - They demand justice for the murder of two environmental leaders

The Environmental Committee of Tocoa, Colón, demands that the government clarify the murder of the two leaders of the fight in Defense of the Carlos Escaleras Mountain and the Guapinol River [Read more...](#)



USA – Catholic Groups Oppose Title 42 Expansion by Biden Administration

Earlier this week, the Biden Administration announced plans to expand the asylum-blocking Title 42. Faith communities across the nation continue to call on the Biden administration to accept the ruling and use this important moment to rebuild the U.S. [Read more...](#)



Guatemala – Claudia Ruiz : “Indigenous women in Guatemala have the face of poverty”

Claudia Ruiz is the Coordinator of the Solidarity Economy Programme of this Guatemalan organisation, and we had the opportunity to talk to her about other more humane and sustainable economies. [Read more...](#)



Latin America – X Calan Summit : Civil Society’s Call For The Conversion Of Migration Policies

94 organizations, collectives and networks from across the Americas have united our voice to make a call that demands the transformation of immigration practices and policies promoted by Mexico, the United States and Canada. [Read more...](#)



Ecojesuit – The challenge of 2023: Upholding faith, social action, and global advocacy on ecological justice

Ecojesuit explored collaborative opportunities throughout 2022 with the six Jesuit Conferences, institutions, and network partners to build a shared advocacy and faith-based engagement in critical global events. [Read more...](#)

Amazonia – Mauricio López: “A year of gifts in consolidation, continuity and the beginning of processes”.

Implementing a new way to propose and develop pastoral activities through forming networks, developing platforms and creating commissions on specific themes are some of Celam's Centre for Pastoral Action Programmes and Networks achievements during 2022. [Read more...](#)



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