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Remembering with gratitude...



I feel privileged to present this Annual Review of the Secretariat covering Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2023, a year of abundant blessings, surprises and opportunities.

One of the many graces of COVID-19 was the grace to 'Review' our social justice mission in the Society of Jesus. We began this process in 2021 to review our justice and ecology mission and share them with our collaborators and partners. Besides getting clarity on our collective Jesuit mission, we felt strongly united as a body with a sense of HOPE. In 2022, our annual review was around the four Universal Apostolic Preferences and how we have been creatively putting the UAPs into practice in our social ministries in Conferences and Networks.

As I write this introduction to this third Annual Review 2023, I strongly feel the JOY, not because we have achieved much but because 'God has been so gracious to labour with us.' A similar feeling is also reflected in the conferences and networks. The review is organized according to Conferences, Networks and the Secretariat's efforts. You can find a common thread in all of them. Each one shares the specific context in which they work, their creative apostolic response within that particular context, and what gives them hope with a desire to commit towards Magis. What we hear the most in all of them is the importance of discerning and working as one body with different parts by building bridges of collaboration and networking.

Finally, I thank everyone who has been part of our journey during 2022-2023 in our various social centres, province and conference social ministries, secretariats, networks and our partners in mission. Feel free to connect with us to learn more about 'who' inspires and guides us to walk with the poor and vulnerable and advocate for and with them to build a just, equitable, ecologically sustainable world.

With immense gratitude and joy,

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Secretary, SJES







CONTEXTS, RESPONSES AND HOPES IN CONFERENCES & GIAN

Jesuit Conference of Latin America (CPAL)

Our Context:

"God acts as one who labours for love" (Sp.Ex. § 236). God's presence in our continent is evident, especially in the people's profound faith. Trust in the living God allows us to live in hope amid immense difficulties. Churches and some states are taking initiatives to reverse the problematic situation. The leadership of Pope Francis serves as an example to denounce injustices and promote fraternal relationships. Yet several shadows deny the fulfilment of God's plan. Many countries are in the grip of unprecedented political, economic, and social violence. Forced migrations have intensified; Worsening democracies are generating violence in Central America, Ecuador, Peru, and Nicaragua. Venezuelan migration exceeds seven million. Haitian migration continues because of a failed state. In the first half of 2023 alone, 400,000 people crossed the Darién Gap to enter Panama on their way to the USA. Nicaragua's Ortega dictatorship expelled people, suppressed institutions and incarcerated opposition leaders, a bishop and several priests. It closed the University of Central America in Managua (UCA) and cancelled the Jesuits' juridical identity, accusing them of being terrorists. But our justice mission continues more earnestly.

Our Apostolic Response:

Our challenges are enormous. To have a more significant impact, we decided to work as networks instead of operating in silos as sectors, Provinces or countries. Apostolic works and Provinces adopted the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) quickly. All interventions and the Common Apostolic Project (PAC) were inspired and mobilised within the framework of the UAPs. Our progress in intersectoral, interprovincial, and international collaboration achieved common approaches to challenging realities, especially in migration, where cross-border and interprovincial initiatives were increasingly collaborative.

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Jesuit Network with Migrants (*Red Jesuita Con Migrantes - RJM*): In November 2022, we began in-person meetings and held a continental assembly of 100 people from 21 countries, evaluated our work, discerned God's call on the continent, and strengthened international collaboration in responding to cases through training and formation programs amidst legal challenges or strict surveillance at complicated borders.



Indigenous Solidarity and Apostolate Network (*Red Solidaridad y Apostolado Indígena - RSAI*): In October 2022, the network had a coordinators meeting in Guamote, Ecuador. Besides the Network regional coordinators and other team members, many Afro-descendants and indigenous people also participated. The

meeting evaluated the network's progress and prepared a plan for the next two years to better respond to PAC-2 of CPAL. The network highlighted the contributions of the indigenous peoples of Latin America and their territorial realities, mineral extractivism's consequences and implications on their environments, and struggles, resistance, and action plans of indigenous women in Peru and Mexico.

Social Centers Network (*Red de Centros Sociales*): It offered a Diploma in Political Citizenship Formation, with the endorsement of Javeriana University Colombia, Instituto Superior Pedro Bonó of the Dominican Republic and the Catholic University of Pernambuco-Brazil. Members from Seven social centres participated in it. Monthly socio-economic-political analyses were conducted in alliance with other centres. The network held its first post-pandemic annual Assembly of Social Centers in Paraguay. It discussed and highlighted the activities of peer groups, held a seminar with the Red Comparte on alternative development models, and established priorities for the network's second strategic plan, incorporating the promotion of democracy through political education.

Pan-Amazon Jesuit Service (SJPAM): The SJPAM marked its new identity and mission through a joint letter from six provincials (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) of the Pan-Amazon territory and the Regional Superior of Guyana. The letter emphasised the need for "assuming the Amazon as a joint mission, of wanting to configure a presence with a common horizon and backing the development of a Pan-Amazonian apostolic plan." To help realise this, a CPAL Delegate will be appointed.

Joint Actions:

- The Gender and Equality Group organised a "21st Century, Empowered Women" roundtable conversation. Central America, Mexico and Ecuador Provinces established Gender working groups.
- CPAL's PAC-2 (Second Common Apostolic Plan) prioritised forcibly displaced people, the indigenous and Afro-descendant population. The theme of the first inter-network meeting was the Afro population and anti-racism, a concern to pervade all Jesuit works.
- RJM completed the macro research on Migration and Refugees. It provides a better understanding of the relationship between Climate Justice and Forced Migration. The RJM participated in multiple advocacy actions at the global and regional levels, notably in the Human Rights Council in Geneva on June 22. Also, it helped follow up on crucial processes such as the Refugee Forum, the Quito Process, the Summit of the Americas, etc.
- The Hospitality Caravan 2022 traversed nine countries of South America. Interactions with more than 60 groups of communities succeeded, where 3,912 people linked to the apostolic works and structures of the Jesuits participated.



Our Hope and Commitment

Heeding the voice of Pope Francis, we firmly believe that "No one can be saved alone... to embark together on paths of peace." Amidst injustice and suffering, he invites us to "keep our hearts open to hope and to trust in God, who makes himself present, accompanies us with tenderness, sustains us in our weariness and, above all, guides our path." He calls us to seek and promote the universal values that build human fraternity, "to restore the word 'together' to a central place."

CPAL hopes and commits to fostering teamwork and collaboration among networks. Networking is our new way of being on a mission.



“Collaboration in mission has resulted in abundant blessings for the apostolates and the Society of Jesus. Being with apostolic collaborators in mission encourages us to live more fully and authentically our Jesuit religious vocation.” (GC35, D6, § 15)



Jesuit Conference of Africa & Madagascar (JCAM)

Our Context: A Mosaic of Challenges and Hope

The Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network – Africa (JENA) within JCAM works for social and ecological justice in Africa’s rich and diverse terrain. It faces many challenges and disparities, such as poverty, environmental harm, corruption, and inequality. However, it also witnesses the resilience and hope of African communities for a better future. As in the contemplation of incarnation, we see God actively labouring in our struggles, uplifting communities, advocating for justice and nurturing a culture of environmental respect. In this annual journey review, we recall our path through shadows and lights and acknowledge the mosaic of challenges and hope.



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Our Response: Labouring Towards Light: Navigating Shadows

a) *Caring for Our Common Home*

JENA is deeply committed to Caring for our Common Home (UAP-4). In addressing food security, JENA has fostered sustainable agriculture in local Jesuit-sponsored agricultural centres and educational institutions, empowering communities to secure their food sources sustainably.

- In Zambia, Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre (KATC) offers hope through sustainable farming education. Jesuits and their collaborators have become fertile ground for change, offering tangible proof of the power of sustainable farming. Many continue to tell stories of the great work of KATC, like the reflection from the KATC website and another one described by admirers of the great work of KATC.
- From Malawi come stories of change, where the Jesuit Centre for Ecology and Development (JCED) has breathed life into communities. “We are happy to have a working water point in our village finally. We used to have challenges accessing clean and safe water. The coming of this water point through the Tasintha Mlimi Project by JCED will help us in our households and produce more ceramic energy-saving stoves for distribution in Kasungu,” one of the beneficiaries narrated. In another but related context, the story of Alinafe, a young woman thrust into the role of caretaker for her siblings after the loss of her parents to Cyclone Freddy in March 2023,

epitomizes the strength of her community. JCED's intervention brought more than just material aid. It gave a renewed sense of family and hope, enabling Alinafe and thousands of others to rebuild their lives with dignity.

- In Kenya, the Jesuit Hakimani Centre educates farmers on climate-resilient agriculture.
- In the DRC, the Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques et Vétérinaires of the Loyola University of Congo DR combines traditional knowledge with modern techniques to build the capacity of local farmers in its outreach work.

b) Children: The Heartbeat of Climate Action

The children and youth who convened at the JENA-sponsored Global Child-led Climate Change Summit mirror our hope and champion a just and sustainable future. Faith, a 12-year-old differently-abled girl from Kenya, stood among her peers, demanding action and accountability from the world's leaders, showcasing the profound impact of JENA's commitment to empowering the next generation of environmental stewards. Read the full children's statement to the global leaders.

c) Collaborative Academic Efforts

- Early this year, before COP28, JENA collaborated with Yale University's Global Justice Programme to produce a special journal focusing on innovative food system solutions, reflecting JENA's commitment to combining academic research with on-the-ground applications.

- Bakhita Partnership for Education (BPE): Responding to UAP 2 & 3, JENA supports the education of young and vulnerable girls. Sponsored by the Hilton Foundation and in partnership with relevant Catholic religious associations in Africa, BPE's three-pillar strategy of policy advocacy, collaborative action, and empowering girls has transformed educational opportunities for African girls. In the last three years, this effort has brought back to schools and empowered over 3,000 girls who fell out of school, and it continues to enable schools to offer gender-responsive and transformative education. The BPE also advocates eradicating systemic blocks to girls' education.
- Global Policy Engagement: In 2022/23, JENA was active globally. JENA's engagement with global policy at UN, IMF, and World Bank meetings has ensured that African voices are heard in international efforts to address poverty, inequality, and environmental challenges. JENA champions sustainable development and climate justice, advocating for Africa's most vulnerable.

Our Hope, Commitment, and Magis

In conclusion, Hope, Commitment and *Magis* encapsulate the JENA's vision for greater justice and ecological care. It embraces the Jesuit tradition of '*Magis*', underscores hope and resilience against the modern tide of environmental and societal

"The Complexities of the problems we face and the richness of the opportunities offered demand that we build bridges between rich and poor, establishing advocacy links of mutual support between those who hold political power and those who find it difficult to voice their interests." **GC35, D3, § 28**

challenges, and fuels a deepened commitment to collaborative action. Recognizing that these challenges are too vast for isolated efforts, JENA champions a cross-sector approach, uniting Jesuits, associates, and community stakeholders with external partners like governments, businesses, and NGOs. This synergy is crucial for enacting meaningful change and magnifying impact.

For us in JENA, 'Magis' ignites a quest for innovative alliances, asking, "What more for Christ?" and urging not just broader but sharper, more efficacious cooperation. It's a call to pool knowledge, resources, and strategies for collective benefit.

"Hope, Commitment and *Magis*" calls for expansive networking and unity within the Jesuit societal and broader apostolic sectors. It's a call to action for all Jesuits and collaborators to broaden their reach, recognizing that the journey toward a just and sustainable world is a collective endeavour. JENA's mission thus reaffirms its pledge to work in solidarity with various sectors, progressing towards a united vision of justice and ecological integrity and truly embodying the spirit of '*Magis*.'



"THE SOCIAL APOSTOLATE RISKS LOSING ITS VIGOUR AND MOMENTUM, ITS ORIENTATION AND IMPACT. WERE THIS TO HAPPEN IN A GIVEN PROVINCE OR ASSISTANCY, THEN FOR LACK OF A VITAL AND WELL-ORGANISED SOCIAL APOSTOLATE, THE ESSENTIAL SOCIAL DIMENSION WOULD ALSO PROBABLY FADE AWAY BIT BY BIT. SUCH A PROCESS OF EROSION WOULD INEVITABLY REDUCE OUR MISSION TODAY (GC 32) AND OUR MISSION AND JUSTICE (GC 34) TO A FEW OBLIGATORY BUT RHETORICAL PHRASES IN THE DISCOURSE OF THE SOCIETY, LEAVING OUR OPTION FOR THE POOR AND OUR PROMOTION OF JUSTICE HOLLOWED OUT."

RP Peter-Hans Kolvenbach SJ, *On the Social Apostolate*, 24 January 2000, PI, no. 73

Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific (JCAP)

Our Context

The reality of the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific's operating environment is culturally, politically, economically and religiously diverse. This diversity is apparent when noting the countries in our region where Jesuit life or service is present: Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

Our region comprises more than a third of the world's population and a large proportion of its indigenous people. Several major religions and ancient cultural and spiritual traditions find their home in Asia and the Pacific. This is a great blessing, even as it presents many challenges in working collaboratively for justice and peace. The huge variety of languages alone adds complexity to our attempts to collaborate. Work across our various contexts aligns with the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus and the priorities of the JCAP Apostolic Plan, 2021-25.

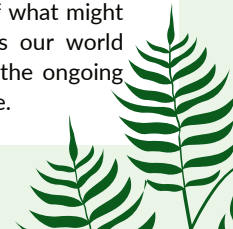


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Our Blessings

The after-effects of the COVID pandemic continue to be felt across the region, as colleagues in the Asia Pacific Conference reported. People and communities already in the most dire circumstances before the pandemic suffered the most over recent years, and many continue to struggle. We are grateful for the fidelity of those involved in the social ministries who continued and found new ways to accompany many of these people and communities. Our gratitude extends to our broad range of volunteers and stakeholders who collaborated with us to address these needs; we acknowledge the generosity of our benefactors who made much of what we have collectively achieved possible.

The very existence of the Jesuit Conference for Asia Pacific and the relationships it facilitates have been invaluable as a mechanism for sharing information and resources, especially in times of particular hardship. Myanmar is one such country where our friends and colleagues express their gratitude, as demonstrated through the ongoing prayer and practical support offered over the past year and beyond. We note strengthening relationships and shared endeavours across people of different faiths and cultures. We value these examples in their own right and as prototypes of what might be a way forward in our Conference and beyond as our world continues to be driven by old and new divisions and the ongoing degradation of our beautiful planet – our common home.





“Love ought to manifest itself more by deeds than by words.”

Sp.Ex. § 230

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Challenges

Many people in countries across the Conference have not been able to reset their lives following the pandemic. The elevated cost of living experienced in most countries compounded this. The increase in suffering and obvious need has demanded much from those of us who work in the social apostolate; significantly, it has shone a light on our limitations.

In many countries, the situation of the social ministries reflects, in a small way, the problem of those we engage with and accompany. Just as they are often not valued and their needs not prioritised, efforts to support them and alleviate their suffering struggle to attract and secure the necessary attention and resources to intervene effectively over the long term. Jesuits and colleagues across the Conference of Asia Pacific continue to live their commitment in the face of inadequate human and financial resources, which limits what we can achieve.



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Hope, Commitment and Magis

In reflecting on where the Spirit is alive and drawing us, we note the desire to collaborate more within and across our contexts – with each other and other people of goodwill. We commit to continually improving how we do things - through proper analysis of problems, effective use of data, and ensuring that the voice of those on the ground informs all our activity. Moreover, we see safeguarding children and vulnerable adults as a crucial matter of justice and a key concern for us.

There is a growing desire to strengthen the Jesuit identity of all our works, enacting our way of proceeding across the people, practices and processes that constitute our efforts. We believe this will best support staff, lead to better outcomes for those we accompany and serve, enhance our advocacy with and for others, and ultimately contribute to the building of a just, equitable and kind world -- where care for those on the margins and care for our common home are the practical expressions of our faith.



Jesuit Conference of Canada & United States (JCCU)



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During the past year, the Office of Justice and Ecology (OJE) at the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States has seen a great deal of change. Ted Penton SJ, my predecessor as Secretary, led the office through a restructuring process in order to help the JCCU advocate more efficiently and effectively for the concerns of the Jesuit network throughout the world. In this process, he created two new positions: the Director of Government Relations and the Manager of Outreach and Partnerships.

Tom Mulloy joined the staff as Director of Government Relations in July 2022. Tom's job is to connect the Jesuit Conference with members of the federal government and develop strategies for the advocacy that we do. He previously worked for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and on Capitol Hill.

Harrison Hanvey joined the staff as Manager of Outreach and Partnerships in February 2023. He works to bring the Jesuit network in the United States into the advocacy efforts of the Conference. Harrison spent several years in Honduras and Nicaragua, and he previously worked at the Catholic University of America.

Both Tom and Harrison have been doing outstanding work, and we are so excited to have them on board. MegAnne Liebsch has continued her work as Communications Manager and has produced a wealth of excellent podcasts, articles, and videos in the past year that you can access from our website. Please check them out!





JCCU staff visit Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre in Zambia to learn about agroecological farming

I joined the office in June 2023 as the new Secretary of Justice and Ecology, completing our restructuring process. I previously worked in the US Central and Southern Province office and at the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University New Orleans. In the coming months, I hope to build relationships with members of Congress and the Biden Administration in order to advocate for the issues that are important to the Society today.

During the past year, the OJE has focused its efforts on the policy areas of immigration, criminal justice reform, economic justice, environmental justice, and a reconciliation process for the Native American boarding schools that operated in the United States in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We plan to continue advocating for specific policies concerning these issues in the coming year, and we are also exploring the possibility of how we can be more active in advocating for racial justice and indigenous justice.

There are many bright lights from the past year. The Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University New Orleans successfully launched an education program at a prison in Louisiana, and our apostolates along the US-Mexico border worked tirelessly to minister to those seeking a better life in the United States. OJE also helped coordinate the Jesuit Migration Network USA-Canada annual gathering, which gathered this year in person for the first time since the pandemic. Co-chaired by Ted Penton and Chris Kerr of the Ignatian Solidarity Network, twenty-seven people from Jesuit ministries, universities, and high schools gathered to share information and discuss collaboration.

A continuing challenge for us has been the sharp political divisions within the United States and even among Catholics. As we work to promote Catholic Social Teaching, some might fear that we are trying to promote a secular ideological agenda. This attitude of suspicion can really hamper our mission, so we are working to build trusting relationships with folks who might be anxious about the social teachings of the Church.

With our new staff and structure in place, we look forward to another year of advocating for the needs of the Jesuit network and, ultimately, for a more just world.



Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JCSA)

Our Context

We live in an age of contradictions, complexities, and uncertainties. Amidst the warring forces of lights and shadows, God has been labouring continuously through people of various cultures, faiths, political and social affiliations, and ideologies to bring about betterment and wholeness among the people in our South Asian context as under:

- The Constitutional democracy with values of secularism, justice, liberty, equality and fraternity is getting undermined by electoral politics of 'divide and rule' in the name of religion;
- India is a kaleidoscope of many cultures, castes, languages, faiths, identities, and ideologies. The politics of populism, polarisation and post-truth have led to violence, exclusion, marginalization and shameful atrocities against tribals, *dalits*, farmers and women;
- India today has a majoritarian government that consistently seeks to realise a "one language, one religion, one nation" ideology to the disadvantage of Christian and Muslim minorities, Tribals and Dalits;
- Economic inequality and the gap between the rich and the poor in India are at an all-time high according to the recent OXFAM Report, while the top 5% owns 60% of wealth, the bottom 50% lives on 3%, and
- Land grabbing in the name of development has destroyed the lives of millions of tribals and damaged our Common Home.

Our Apostolic Responses

a) Accompaniment and Empowerment:

- Ecology is a platform that brings people across ministries & social-political affiliations. Every province has a representative in the

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Ecojesuit team to Care for our Common Home. They promote eco-spirituality, form eco-clubs, hold eco-fests and eco-marches, plant saplings/trees, adopt solar energy, organic farming, kitchen gardens, and observe Environment Day. Some significant initiatives were climate mapping for concrete actions, safeguarding those affected by environmental degradation, and coastal environment protection. They promote eco-spirituality, form eco-clubs, hold eco-fests and eco-marches, plant saplings/trees, adopt solar energy, organic farming, kitchen gardens, and observe Environment Day. Some significant initiatives were climate mapping for concrete actions, safeguarding those affected by environmental degradation, and coastal environment protection.

- The rights-based approach adopted by social centres enhanced fairness in the Public Distribution System (PDS), such as mid-day meals, pensions for senior citizens and people with disabilities, clean drinking water, health and hygiene, housing, etc. People raised community issues at public forums before competent authorities, yielding better results. The Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and microfinance system helped economically empower people's activities. Legal literacy and legal aid gave confidence for public engagements.

- Migrant Assistance and Information Network (MAIN), initiated for labourers' safe and responsible migration and the accompaniment of distressed migrants, has become a model intervention in all Provinces.
- Vocational and skills training for self-employment and income generation is now emerging across several Provinces.
- Forming workers' unions irrespective of religion, culture, and language showed a way forward in our mission of justice, peace, and reconciliation.
- Civic and political literacy on democracy and secularism occurs in many social centres.
- Social centres accompany children and youth through evening study centres, remedial classes, and study camps and promote the right to quality education through SANKALP. They create awareness of the ill effects of drugs and alcoholism, child marriage and trafficking through social media training.
- Groundworks are on to prepare state and centre-level reports on the Social Protection Floor as per ILO's (International Labour Organisation) recommendations. These reports will be based on secondary and primary data analysis to identify the gaps between existing policy and implementation status. It will also prepare proposals for advocacy with the elected leaders and political parties to raise the issues in Parliament and Assemblies and include them in the election manifestos.
- To collaborate and network internally, different ministries unite to promote ecology, quality education, safe and protected migration, etc., taking advantage of each other's strengths. Provinces have discerned and decided concrete actions for commitment.
- Inter-provincial collaboration and networking with the Indian Social Forum (ISF), Indo Global Social Service (IGSS), International Labour Organization (ILO-India Desk), National Confederation of Dalit and Adivasi Organisations (NACDAOR) and other likeminded CSO, CBOs, intellectuals, and social activists are gaining strength.

b) Advocacy:

Despite the hostile political environment, Social Action Centres attempt to advocate for and with the priority communities.

- Issue-based Community Convergence Facilitating Forums (CCFFs) were formed under the aegis of Lok Manch, which is active in more than 16 States in India. The members of various castes, creeds and political affiliations were empowered to claim their rights before the local, district and municipal authorities.

"When human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies."

Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, § 73

Our Commitment and Hope

The UAPs have become integral to our involvement and have added value to our engagements. It enhances our perspectives about the constantly changing reality of the world. It is a source of inspiration for working towards the rights, entitlements, and empowerment of all, especially for the tribals, *dalits*, the poor and excluded.

JCSA primarily focuses on issue-based engagement with people of all faiths. The values of equality, justice, liberty, and fraternity that we promote are the Gospel and Indian Constitutional values. We share these values with all partners, community leaders, and the people with and for whom we work. The awareness building and skills training geared towards the socio-economic and political empowerment of the underprivileged is an integral part of our engagements for the betterment of their future.

We work under an adverse socio-political climate. Yet, we carry on with our responsibilities to instill hope, especially among the poor and excluded. Promoting self-employment and livelihoods among the unorganised youth are significant concerns to bring hope for the future. Saving democracy, redeeming Gospel and Constitutional values, and protecting our Common Home remains the most urgent task.



Jesuit Conference of Europe (JCEP)

Our Context

Europe encompasses diverse cultures and political and religious histories, tracing back to the ancient divisions of the Catholic Latin South, the Orthodox Slavic East and the Protestant Centre-North, and more recently to the division between eastern communist and western democratic countries. Today, European countries are in general solidly established democracies, where dialogue, participation and the rule of law are used to solve differences. Social rights and equality are widespread, and social welfare allows for a reasonable living standard. Europe remains the “promised land” for many, and migration arrives from Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America.

Despite these lights, there are also worrying signs. Autocratic populist drives are happening in some countries, generating division and polarisation, with migrants being blamed for many societal problems. Europe is still recovering from the economic effects of the pandemic, and the brutal invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022 made millions of Ukrainian find refuge in neighbouring countries. Poverty keeps impacting many families, and persistent inflation does not help. Climate change also affects European territory, with unprecedented heat waves and water shortages, like in the summer of 2022.

Our Apostolic Responses

The diversity described above reflects in the life of the Jesuit Conference of European Provincials (JCEP), which comprises 15 Provinces and an independent Region, with many networks in the different apostolic sectors. Regarding the social-environmental work, there are different focus across the continent. Spain has a long and robust social ministry dedicated to works on immigration, minors, and

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international cooperation. The Western French-speaking Province (and others) have taken the lead regarding new ecological challenges. Provincial social and ecology sectors are nevertheless adapting to the new challenges, and there is a growing inter-provincial collaboration and sharing of good practices.

An excellent way to have a global picture of the European Ignatian social apostolate is to look at the five social and ecology networks:

- 1. Jesuit Refugee Service:** The response to the Ukrainian crisis was through the “One Proposal” project in collaboration with Xavier Network (XN). In its first 18 months, the project accompanied almost 80,000 people. It started with emergency aid, and it then promoted medium and long-term support such as integration, education and housing. Apart from this, JRS all over Europe continued to work on behalf of displaced people from various continents through direct assistance, accompaniment in detention, social integration, societal awareness raising and political advocacy.
- 2. Xavier Network:** This is another well-established Europe-based network comprising 14 mission offices and non-governmental development organisations (including three from the US, Canada, and Australia).

The network supports the development and emergency work, mainly in the Global South. It operates in 87 countries in association with local partners. Apart from the Ukrainian response offered in collaboration with JRS-Europe, in Europe this network provided emergency aid in the aftermath of the earthquake in Syria-Turkey in 2023. Fe y Alegria is another strategic partner of Xavier Network.

- 3. European Network of Social Centres:** It features 13 centres focused on research, publication, awareness raising and advocacy. A concern last year was the increasing cost of paper for publishing, so almost all centres studied how to foster an online digital presence. The network is also working on possibly developing projects on common topics like the EU project, democracy, and artificial intelligence.
- 4. Province Social Delegates Network:** It had regular meetings during 2022-23 for mutual support, sharing concerns, and good practices. The last in-person meeting in Lisbon, May 2023, included visiting institutions working in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. A crucial concern is about our "Ignatian identity". Given the growing lack of available Jesuits, there is a corresponding need for formation in Ignatian spirituality and way of proceeding. The 2018 survey showed that the Jesuit social sector in Europe includes more than 150 institutions, 3.000 staff and 10.000 volunteers.
- 5. European Eco-delegates:** It is a recent network with 14 Provinces having appointed a person for the just ecological transition of Provinces. In spring 2023, it extensively mapped good practices. A shared desire is to develop precise strategic planning and have more Jesuits and staff dedicated to this area (which requires substantial financial resources). Many Jesuit communities and institutions are moving towards sustainable lifestyles, and some Provinces have invested heavily in accomplishing the ecological transition soon.

Aside from all the described social-environmental networks, cross-sector initiatives also occur in schools (volunteering, awareness raising, formation in ecology) and universities (the HEST clusters, connecting research and practice). Europe also develops social work with Ignatian lay movements (like the Christian Life Community and Chemin Neuf) and other faith-based and non-faith-based organisations.



Our Hope and Commitment

Our social-environmental work mainly corresponds to UAP 2 and 4. The recent “*De Statu Societatis Iesu*” recognises that contact with the peripheries has changed us. A lot happens in Europe through Jesuit communities of insertion that welcome migrants. But given the demands of the ecological crisis, much remains to be done to change our lifestyle and to commit to the dispossessed.

More ageing Jesuits and fewer younger Jesuits will remain a challenge in the coming years. The credibility of our testimony depends much on how we address social inequalities, exclusion and, particularly, abuse. Finally, hope is also nourished by the many young and not-so-young lay collaborators who share with us the social call, in a new context of applied Synodality and companionship.



Xavier Network funded Water Project in East Timor



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Global Ignatian Advocacy Network - Ecology

Our Context

Today's young generation seeks to flourish, yet much is lost as the world continues to encounter compounding political difficulties and economic priorities. The climate crisis is a reality driving food and water vulnerabilities. Challenges are mounting as economic development overshadows integral human development, ecological justice for the most vulnerable, and intergenerational solidarity, all the more intractable with international wars and extensive local conflicts.

The crucial concerns of production, vulnerability, climate, migration, resource extraction, wars, economy and education are all bound together. These are the tensions we hold as we speak of a shared mission and seek to understand the collective dialogue needed to change global society. We cannot yet confirm global impact, but we can talk about how we contribute as a steady voice and reliable reflection resource for those who choose to listen and act where possible.

Lights and Shadows

We encountered many 'lights' during the year's journey. The [GIAN Governance document](#) and the [2023 SJES meeting](#) gave a profound impetus to accompany the poor and the need for networking. Conferences are establishing Ecojesuit teams. Universities are conducting community-based research on food and water justice. Cross-apostolic collaboration between the social and education secretariats is growing in response to increasing ecological vulnerabilities. Limitations of the COP process are unfolding, stressing the need for a coherent South-North advocacy.

Despite many dialogues, Ecojesuit confronts challenges in its networking processes. Frequent leadership changes make it difficult to facilitate collaboration and identify committed persons. Building the global process amid broader social tensions is challenging. The events convened by the United Nations are opportunities to engage, and we encourage our partners to secure accreditation. Another challenge is our communication style, usually geared towards Jesuit-affiliated audiences; we have yet to reach the educational institutions. We must be more creative to get broader civil society participation.

Our Apostolic Response

Ecojesuit accompanied the Conferences and its network partners in bringing together local/regional realities to build effective South-North advocacy. We accompanied our partners in participating in global events from a faith-based perspective.

a) Accompaniment and Empowerment

- Ecojesuit worked to bridge the priorities and actions of the six Jesuit Conferences, Institutions, Universities and Network partners through a bottom-up approach.
- Accompanied regional actions in responding to integral concerns on the ground at the [JCSA Western Zone Workshop](#), the Eco-delegates team in Europe, and CPAL's [renewed commitment to the joint mission for the Amazon](#)



- Listened to territorial voices and discerned new ways of being a Church by supporting the [ecclesial networking process in Asia-Pacific](#) and the global [Ecclesial Networks Alliance on Integral Ecology](#).
- Organised [Ecojesuit Meeting 2023](#) in the Philippines to strengthen the commitment to act, renew focused collaboration, and enhance communication.

b) Advocacy

- Established collaboration and action for ecological justice through a faith-based engagement in UNFCCC COP27, the 2023 UN Water Conference, [lobbying for 'blue foods'](#) at the Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB 58), released the statement "[Action for Bavaria is an action for our Common Home](#)", and prepared for COP28 in Dubai, UAE.
- Supported the initiatives of Jesuit Higher Education institutions on social and ecological actions by being part of the [IAJU Environmental and Economic Justice Task Force](#) (EEJ-TF), the [Climate Change Conferences](#) of Loyola University Chicago, and the [Climate and Environmental Justice Conference](#) of Santa Clara University.
- Reinforced youth voices calling for change, such as [The Economy of Francesco global gathering](#) in Assisi, [JCED Caravan of Hope](#), the Pulangiyen youth reflections on [climate action, food and biodiversity](#), the Ignatian Teach-in events of ISN, and protests in Germany accompanied by Fr. Jörg Alt.

Our Hope, Commitment, and Magis

We wish to live with deepened hope animated by faith. Faith brings us into contact with those who suffer. Faith asks us to work to resolve the challenges and get others to be more aware of others' suffering. To have faith means holding out with hope and acceptance (not denial or inevitability) amid overpowering anxiety and exhaustion (where many of the youth are). Our faith enables a greatly needed sense of vision and hope for a more just world.

Moving forward, Ecojesuit hopes to move beyond goodwill towards concerted action guided by the following points:



1. Building a framework for collaboration with agroecology (food and water justice) as a common concern that can draw our efforts together;
2. Deepening accompaniment of vulnerable communities by sharing methods for research collaboration, communications, and advocacy;
3. Nurturing partnerships between social and education apostolates for greater connection with and service of local people and creation;
4. Encouraging our institutions and partners to engage with the COP process at the national, regional, and global levels to strengthen faith-based advocacy;
5. Enriching the advocacy in promoting agroecology by putting more focus on the Ecojesuit online communication platforms;
6. Strengthening our Ecojesuit teams in each of our Conferences with involvement from all Provinces in key ecological and social points of action;
7. Communicating the work broadly by compiling an issue of *Promotio Iustitiae* in 2024
8. We are exploring options for the Ecojesuit meeting in 2024 with Africa as a possible venue.



We acknowledge that our connectedness as an advocacy network is made real by our connectedness with people, vulnerable communities, and creation. By being together, there is a more profound sense of shared responsibility as we continue to find consolation in our shared efforts.



Dani Villanueva SJ

Global Coordinator, Right to Quality Education

Global Ignatian Advocacy Network - Education

Our Context

Right to Education or Edujesuit as a GIAN operates globally in a context characterised by diverse lights and shadows regarding the right to quality education and the Jesuit mission.

There are significant disparities regarding access to quality education. Millions of people in developing countries face barriers that include poverty, discrimination, lack of educational infrastructure and armed conflict. Although there has been an increase in school attendance worldwide, effective learning is not guaranteed. COVID-19 has exacerbated the situation, creating the worst education crisis of our time.

Despite the abovementioned obstacles, education as a human right is increasingly ingrained and recognised in international treaties and conventions. Likewise, the Society of Jesus has seen an advancement in its agenda through the Universal Apostolic Preferences that include a renewed emphasis on promoting social justice and education, including promoting the right to education as a public good. Furthermore, the last 15 years have seen remarkable Jesuit organisational development on network structures for international collaboration, which facilitates the planning and deployment of strategies for all dimensions of the universal mission; all these were unthinkable a few years ago.

Our Apostolic Response: Achievements and Challenges

In this context, the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network for the Right to Quality Education (GIAN-ED), in operation since 2008, has made some progress in its commitment to promote the right to quality education for all within the scope of the Jesuit mission:

- The network has succeeded in initiating a novel dynamic of international collaboration; it offers a space for global networking to leading Jesuit educational institutions worldwide.
- The network is dedicated to raising global awareness of the importance of the right to quality education beyond the usual emphasis on educational service.
- GIAN-ED has developed several essential products, such as a detailed mapping of initiatives promoting the right to education both at the internal and external levels, a vital positioning document, a statement on the education emergency, an awareness-raising campaign “Right to Education, Right to Hope”, and an online platform to strengthen collaboration and communication within the network.



These achievements are the fruit of the labour of the coordinating team and the progressive alignment of actors (institutions and networks). However, it is good to emphasise that the network continually tries to overcome the intense challenges of global advocacy work and specific socio-educational work.

- GIAN-ED faces the challenge of intersectoriality as it works at the intersection of the Society of Jesus' social and education sectors. Intersectoriality ensures the interdisciplinary vision and adds the challenge of ensured coordination and alignment with both Education and Social Justice secretariats' networks and processes.
- The network brings together Jesuit institutions and networks worldwide, often dealing with geographical, cultural, and contextual differences. Coordinating efforts and collaborating effectively in an intercultural and diverse global context is undoubtedly challenging.
- Although the Society of Jesus devotes most of its resources to education, the focus on the right to quality education is still a "novelty", and only a few Jesuit organisations are engaged in the work of public advocacy and policy commitment for it.
- Given that the network operates in a diverse global context, there are likely to be different understandings of what advocacy entails and how to address it in other regions and cultures.
- The GIAN-ED must ensure its long-term sustainability, and there are no clear and agreed procedures for locating resources and capacity at the supra-provincial level.

Hope and Horizon

Despite the challenges outlined in the previous section, we appreciate the evolution of some contextual variables that generate hope and encourage us:

- Some initiatives and movements, albeit incipient, show a growing articulation of networks and provinces about the right to education. It includes the work of DUEC in CPAL, SANKALP in JCSA, the new advocacy role in JENA (JCAM), the inclusion of JSN in the global dialogue and the international work of Fe y Alegria (FyA) with the Africa, South Asia and Asia Pacific Conferences.
- We are witnessing a progressive strengthening and alignment of the international networking ecosystem, especially around the higher education, secondary and social justice secretariats. We feel called to rely on the socio-educational networks and to build the narrative of education at the frontiers where the right to quality education is predominantly violated.
- The creation of the Global Jesuit Network of Schools is an opportunity to emerge as a new ecosystem of socio-educational collaboration where FyA and JRS join the traditional ICAJE network, opening new possibilities for this collaboration.
- After years of learning and adaptation, progress has been made in clarifying the status of GIAN networks concerning Jesuit governance.
- The global Catholic ecosystem coordinates around the Global Compact on Education, which presents a unique opportunity for us to generate alliances and synergies with similar ecclesial networks.



The GIAN Education network collaborates with multiple actors, seeking to strengthen its role in global debates on the mission of the Jesuits and the Church, ensuring access to quality education for all.



Global Ignatian Advocacy Network - Justice in Mining

Guillermo Otano

Global Coordinator, Justice in Mining



Our Context

2023 was a fruitful year for the Justice in Mining (JIM) Network. It was also a transition year, marking the end of the Global Strategic Plan 2019-2023 and the beginning of a new phase. Those years were focused on listening to the voices from the territories, identifying Jesuit Social Centres and NGOs, working on thematic priorities of the JIM network and understanding contexts to strengthen our ability to collaborate.

We witness many contradictions. Despite worsening climate change, many governments, financial fund agencies and companies keep investing in fossil fuels and coal mining to provide energy. At the same time, there is a skyrocketing demand for “strategic minerals” to produce low-carbon emission technologies (wind turbines, electric cars, solar panels). As noted by Professor Anthony Bebbington, JIM network gathering’s guest speaker, energy transitions will require an exponential increase in extraction. If past business practices are not changed, and the rights of local communities and indigenous peoples are not respected, we may end up repeating a model based on “sacrifice zones.”

Our Apostolic Response

The network gathered in Loyola-Spain in September 2022, with approximately 25 participants from all Jesuit Conferences and allied networks, such as Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité (CIDSE) and Red Iglesias y Minería (RIM). The outcome of this work was shared in Promotio Iustitiae No. 135, titled “Mining: Boon or Bane?” showcasing case studies pursued by Jesuit Social Centers, as well as public advocacy campaigns and research conducted by JIM network members. We also created a directory of organisations and collaborators in our worldwide network.

The JIM Network’s driving force comprises each Jesuit Conference’s representative. Over the past year, each representative tried to connect Jesuit Social Centres working on the network’s priorities. It is a very labour-intensive task because the work of the apostolic sector has peculiarities on each continent. However, we have taken significant steps, namely:



a) Jesuit Conference of European Provincials (JCEP)

- In February, two Belgian social centres organised an International Seminar on Social Justice and Mining at the University of Antwerp. JIM network coordinator Guillermo Otano and JCEP Social Secretary Filipe Martins, SJ, participated.
- In September, CIDSE published a statement signed by over 200 faith leaders calling for greater corporate accountability in light of the negotiations for the European Directive on Due Diligence and Sustainability. Several Jesuits worldwide supported the statement.

b) Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM):

- JCAM appointed Toussaint Kafarhire SJ, director of Centre Arrupe pour la Recherche et la Formation (CARF), as JCAM's new representative for the JIM network.
- In April 2023, JENA organised the first webinar to identify the priorities of Jesuit Social Centres in Africa and Madagascar.

c) Jesuit Conference of Latin American Provincials (CPAL):

- JIM joined Equipo Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación (ERIC-Radio Progreso) and other networks and organisations in Honduras to denounce the murders of human rights and environment defenders Aly Dominguez, Jairo Bonilla and Óscar Oqueli Dominguez.
- JIM echoed the Declaration of Jesuits from Dajabón (Dominican Republic) and Ouanaminthe (Republic of Haiti) denouncing mining extractivism's consequences.
- CPAL and the Social Centres Network supported the manifesto signed by over 100 organisations from Latin America and the Caribbean calling for a European Due Diligence Directive to protect human rights and the environment.
- CPAL network representative Heriberta Fernández of Montalvo Centre participated in two continental meetings of the allied network, the Red Iglesias y Minería (in March and October) and the Jesuit Social Centres.

d) Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JCSA):

- In December 2022, 70 members of local communities from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha met at the Bagaicha Social Research and Training Centre in Ranchi, India, to discuss the impact of coal mines on the region.
- In collaboration with CIDSE and Jesuiten Weltweit, JIM co-sponsored the participation of 3 network collaborators from India, in the Second Thematic Social Forum on mining and extractivism held in Semarang, Indonesia, from October 16 to 20.

e) Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific (JCAP):

- Jesuit Social Services Australia is launching an initiative on financial activism to raise awareness about the social and environmental consequences of investing in fossil fuels and mining.
- Julie Edwards, JCAP's new Social Secretary, held two meetings to identify regional social centres interested in collaborating with the JIM network.

f) Jesuit Conference of Canada and United States (JCCU):

- During the fall, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) conducted the "Green Justice: Energy Transition and Human Rights" campaign, in collaboration with Congolese Jesuit Jacques Nzumbu SJ, to demand stricter corporate regulations to protect human rights and the environment in the context of mining and energy transition.



A Look to the Future with Hope

The challenges ahead of us are immense. In many communities affected by mining, poverty and despair persist despite the wealth extracted from the earth. Exclusion and lack of access to essential services prevail. Pollution and destruction of our Common Home are evident. Rights are not respected, and the youth lack options to envision a different future.

And yet, there is growing awareness of these injustices. And as we review our activities this year, we see signs of hope. We continually, albeit slowly, connect the apostolic social sector and forge alliances with other allied networks. It allows us to better align with the Universal Apostolic Preferences and continue working towards reconciliation with God, one another, and Creation.



Javier Cortegoso
Global Coordinator, Migration

Global Ignatian Advocacy Network - Migration

Our Context

The latest UNHCR report on the forcibly displaced registered 108.4 million persons; in the preceding year, it was 89 million. The number of forcibly displaced persons continues to increase. These quantitative realities challenge the social response to accompanying migrants almost incomprehensible, while the political response worldwide seems far detached.

War, violence, poverty, and inequality continue to be the main cause of forced migration. In recent years, communal clashes have generated intolerable violence sustained by a broad problem of diminishing democracies. There is growing evidence that climate injustice, crop failures and violence based on unjust development models also deepen the social divide. National governments increasingly resist receiving migrants. Countries disregard international commitments, human rights, and humanitarian laws by externalising borders, militarising and deporting. The human rights and protection approach struggles against exploiting migrants, and the call for orderly, safe, and regular migration falls short of ensuring accompanied, protected, and informed migration, as advocated by the Church and civil society. Human smuggling and trafficking have become one of the most lucrative sources of organised crime; it takes advantage of vulnerabilities.

Another common characteristic of our context concerns reception and integration challenges. Coexistence in places of destination or host communities suffers from a dehumanising crisis that associates migration with harmful elements fed by the government and media. It generates a social climate of stigmatisation, criminalisation, and xenophobia based on false information. However, it is still possible to migrate despite dangers and risks. It is possible because of the involvement of humanitarian organisations and civil societies. As Jesuits and collaborators, we play a crucial role in the Church to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate. Above all, it is still possible to migrate because of the resilience, creativity, audacity, and will of migrants amidst violent causes that ominously widen the gap and create exclusion.

Our Apostolic Response

A relevant feature during the year has been strengthening the Conferences' migration network. The Asia Pacific Conference (JCAP) decisively coordinated apostolic work on migration and refugees, previously treated separately. The Jesuit Conference of South Asia's (JCSA) extensive Migrant Assistance Information Network (MAIN), which works on the internally displaced and vulnerable migrants in India, continues to be strengthened with the support of most Provinces. The Jesuit Conference of Canada-USA (JCCU) reinforced its network's collaboration with the Latin America Conference (CPAL), the Jesuit Network with Migrants. The Jesuit Conference of European Provincials (JCEP) maintained its commitment to enhancing intersectoral leadership with the social sector. The Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar integrated apostolic work among migrants with the social sector.



Regarding the work between Conferences, a [Continental Assembly was held in Bogota, Colombia](#), in November 2022, with more than 80 Jesuit organisations from all over the Americas (CPAL and JCCU) in attendance. The research study [Migration and Refuge, a Dead End](#) is a joint work between the two Conferences of the Americas. The study addresses the continental characterisation of forced migration flows. It offers recommendations in the dimensions of socio-pastoral accompaniment and advocacy. It identifies critical issues universities and other research centres can help address, such as mental health or the relationship between climate change and migration.

During the year, some advocacy actions were carried out, with the participation of JCEP, CPAL, JCCU and JRS International. The collaboration resulted in a [position statement](#) in solidarity with the Venezuelan people at the International Donors Conference in Brussels.

GIAN Migration held regular virtual meetings at the global level and maintained an open conversation to continually update the worldwide context of forced migration. It also initiated discussions on the possible ways to collaborate. However, given the diverse contexts and complexities, we continue facing challenges and gaps in our global collaboration.

Our Hope and Commitment

Like Jesus, if we want 'to draw near and walk with migrants' (Lk. 24-15), we must understand the reality from which they are fleeing, through which they are passing, and how they desire to be welcomed.

Different Jesuit apostolates, with their peculiarities, committed to human rights and protecting forcibly displaced people, share a way of proceeding that characterises a mission cycle. Proximity to, and accompaniment of, the displaced produces an understanding that helps identify significant topics for creating a new political and social sensibility. A sensibility that will change narratives, recognising human dignity and the value of migration in all societies.

There are indeed specific consolidated dynamics that commit us to working together between two or more Conferences. However, there still is a global call to deepen the relationship between different apostolic commitments. We have yet to grow in international collaboration for the mission, consistently placing the people we serve and their outcries at the centre of our conversations.





Promotion of a Consistent Culture of Protection (PCCP)

Context

The abuse of children and vulnerable adults is a reality that denies the fulfilment of God's plan for all creation. The Promotion of a Consistent Culture of Protection project (PCCP) is a mission that breaks such denial. It is the Global strategy of the Society of Jesus to help eliminate abuse in the Church and outside the Church, starting with all our Jesuit works and institutions.

Apostolic Response

2022 was an important year in PCCP's mission. It accomplished the design and completion of the 2022 Global Audit on safeguarding in all Provinces and Regions of the Society of Jesus. The results were communicated to Fr. General and his Assistants, the Presidents of the Conferences, Conference Safeguarding Delegates, and every Major Superior between the end of 2022 and October 2023. Whereas the data shows places of concern (shadows), it also evidences the important efforts made in the global Society of Jesus in the last years to advance toward relationships, works, and institutions free from abuse.

There are safeguarding delegates and teams in all Provinces and Regions now, and all main networks of the Society of Jesus are contributing to safe environments. Almost all works of the Society of Jesus have statements of commitment in place and basic protocols for dealing with allegations and complaints, supporting victims, and promoting a new culture of protection. Yet what matters the most is the impact of those. In 2023, we have listened to and witnessed stories of transformation in diverse contexts, from Chiang Mai to Nairobi.



**John Guiney SJ &
Dr Sandra Racionero-Plaza**
Coordinators of PCCP

"There is still a long way to go to engage the apostolic body of the Society in the complex process of contributing to a consistent culture of safeguarding."

In addition, the in-depth analysis of the audit data and the ongoing dialogues informed us of the need for quality training for Jesuits and lay partners from all Provinces and Regions. PCCP responded to such a demand with the elaboration, in dialogue with the four Secretariats of the Society of Jesus and diverse key actors in Conferences and Networks, of a new formation and training program for all the works in all apostolic areas of the Society namely, education (from pre-primary to universities), socio-pastoral, and Jesuit formation. This project was submitted to Fr. General in July 2023 and was approved almost immediately. Together rooted in sound theology and Ignatian spirituality, this new PCCP global training and formation project includes what scientific research in the field of safeguarding has shown to work best to eliminate abuse. This is because PCCP commits not just to do safeguarding but to do it with social impact. In other words, safeguarding that contributes to eliminating abuse and favours the development of quality human relationships. We have been putting into practice this evidence-based approach in training and formation since January 2023 in Chiang Mai, Nairobi, London, Beirut, Manila, etc. A key piece in these trainings has been sharing successful actions in safeguarding as well as evidence that dismantles myths about sexual abuse. These sessions have been liberating for so many. The Restorative Justice process in Provinces where this approach has been implemented has also been consoling.

In UAP 2, "Walking with the excluded", the Society of Jesus commits to help eliminate abuse inside and outside the Church. In response, we have expanded the channels and settings of communication about PCCP's achievements and approach, including international scientific conferences and platforms, Jesuit publications and magazines in various languages, and X (through the SJES X account). With these actions, we are moving from a discourse focused on complaints and allegations to one that emphasizes prevention and positive community engagement in safeguarding.

Hope, Commitment, and Magis

The role of the Society of Jesus concerning action to deal with this social problem is prophetic. We have been gathering testimonies from distant places in the world that bring much hope in showing that, for instance, some Jesuit schools are now the safest place to be when an abuse incident occurs in the community.



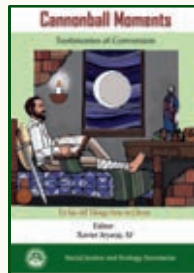
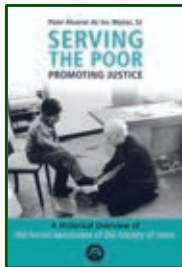
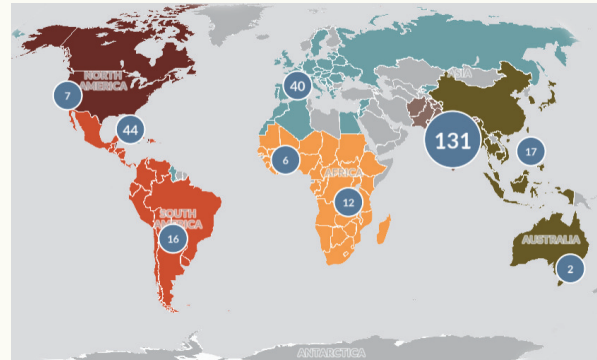
With the 2022 Global Audit, we understood the achievements and challenges of safeguarding within the global Society of Jesus. Now is the time to move forward to better love and serve. The new PCCP global project on training and formation is an expression of the Magis; it is an excellent example of the Society's commitment to not doing safeguarding but to doing safeguarding with social impact, i.e., to actions that can ensure a better future for every child and every adult. Giving the best knowledge and preventive measures available to the most vulnerable is doing justice and reconciliation, and that is our most important mission in the year ahead with the rolling-out of this training and formation program for all works of the Society of Jesus. Every person in the Ignatian family is indispensable in executing this global formation and training programme. Together, we live the mission of PCCP and fulfil the dream of UAP2.



SJES Website

The [SJES website](#) provides news, reflections, testimonies, and upcoming events from the social centres and other socially relevant sources and is updated weekly. During the year, 265 news items, 15 Reflections on specific work or an important theme and 18 Testimonies were selected, translated, and shared on our website. Besides, the website has all 136 issues of *Promotio Iustitiae* online, published twice a year, Videos and, most notably, relevant social documents of the Society of Jesus.

A most exciting update during the year was the launch of the online interactive [global map of Jesuit Social Centres](#) titled "Fraternity @ Frontiers" on February 3, 2023. The virtual map comprised 260 social centres worldwide, providing summary information and geolocation of each Jesuit social centre. In addition, the map has thirteen filters that offer an overview of each Jesuit social institution working on a specific social justice and ecology issue. Over three hundred Jesuits and mission partners participated in the online launch by Fr. General.



Special Publications

1. Published the online version of *Serving the Poor, Promoting Justice* by Patxi Alvarez SJ
2. SJES *Annual Report 2021-2022* in print and online
3. *Cannonball Moments: Testimonies of Conversion*, published in July 2023 both in print and online.

(All publications can be downloaded freely)

Annual Meeting of the Secretariat

The Annual Meeting of the Secretariat with Conference Social Coordinators, GIAN coordinators, and Advisory Committee was held from June 26–30, 2023, at the General Curia. The group identified SIX critical areas of concern to strengthen the social justice and reconciliation mission in the coming years. They are: a) Inter- and cross-sectoral cooperation, b) Strengthening our foundations, c) Faith, justice, and Ignatian spirituality, d) Enhancing the approach as SJES global team, e) International Advocacy, Access and Action through GIAN, and f) Strengthening GIAN facilitating better communication, both internal and external.

SJES Collaborated with...

- **Laudato Si' Movement (LSM)** as a board member since October 2020 and worked closely on ecological transformation.
- **Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP)** within DPIHD since Oct. 2020 SJES. The Secretary is also a member of the coordination team of the Religious Sector along with 2 others from UISG & USG.
- **UISG (Union of International Superiors General)** of women and **Union of Superior Generals (USG)** of men to promote Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC).
- **British Embassy to the Holy See** with special focus on sharing ideas and reflections on Care for our Common Home.



Networking and Advocacy

With the promulgation of the document “Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN): A Pathway to deepen Collaboration” by Fr. General on May 26 2022, the four GIAN networks began gaining moral and structural support from all Conferences. Each network is building a core team with an official representative appointed by the Conference Presidents. The core group meets regularly to share, plan, communicate, and agree on common areas of action. SJES accompanied the core group in their strategic decisions, work pace, and implementation, ensuring Ignatian apostolic discernment, transparency, and representation in advocacy work.

Welcome & Farewell

Welcome to **Julie Edwards (JCAP)**, **Chris Kellerman SJ (JCCU)** and **Xavier Soreng SJ (JCSA)** - the Conference Social Coordinators; **Dani Villanueva SJ** - the GIAN Education Coordinator and **Dr. Sandra Racionero-Plaza** - the Assistant Coordinator of PCCP. Farewell to **Adrianus Suyadi SJ (JCAP)**, **Ted Penton SJ (JCCU)** and **Stanislaus Tirkey SJ (JCSA)**, the Conf. Social Coordinators; **Carlos Fritzen SJ**, GIAN Education Coordinator, and **Tina Campbell** - PCCP Assistant Coordinator.

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In this technological age another place of meeting people in their reality is in the social media platforms. This year, the number of people we reached out to and the number of followers on our social media increased drastically.

Social media



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FOLLOWERS: 1,4K
LIKES: 1,2K
POSTS / WEEK: 6



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FOLLOWERS: 634
FOLLOWING: 327
POSTS / WEEK: 6



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FOLLOWING: 376
CONNECTION: 329
CONTACTS: 305



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FOLLOWERS: 2.005
FOLLOWING: 859
TWEETS / WEEK: 15

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We Salute you Stan Swamy SJ



SJES Annual Meeting June 2023



Conversation on COP27 with Rigobert Minani SJ

SJES CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sep. 27 - 30, 2022	GIAN Justice in Mining Meeting in Loyola, Spain. Maria Pia and the Secretary participated
October 4, 2022	Premiere show of the Documentary "The Letter" on Laudato Si' as a LSM Board member at Synod Hall, Vatican
Oct. 27 - 30, 2022	JCAM Social apostolate meeting, Nairobi, Kenya
Oct. 31 - Nov. 11, 2022	Visit and meetings with Social Centres in Cameroon, DRC & Côte d'Ivoire
Nov. 28, 2022	Keynote address at JPIC Seminar on Christ's Legacy of Peace to the World. Topic: A Geopolitical Reading of Today's Reality: The Third World War fought in Piecemeal
Dec. 11 - 13, 2022	Visit and meeting with JESC team & JRS in Brussels, Belgium
Jan. 5, 2023	Meeting with the Religious Sector group of Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP)
Jan. 13 - 16, 2023	Spanish Province Social Apostolate gathering, Loyola, Spain
Jan. 23 - 26, 2023	Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) Board meeting in Assisi, Italy
Feb. 3, 2023	Webinar to launch the Global Map of Jesuit Social Centres "Fraternity @ Frontiers" by Fr. General
Feb. 13, 2023	Online meeting with Mr. Steve Howard, Secretary General, The Global Foundation, Australia
Feb. 18 - Mar. 5, 2023	Visit to Social Apostolate of Argentina-Uruguay and Paraguay Province and participate in the CPAL Assembly of the Network of Social Centres (Feb 27-Mar 2) in Asunción, Paraguay
Mar. 27 - 30, 2023	JCSA West Zone Ecology meeting, Nadiad, Gujarat, India
Apr. 12 - 15, 2023	JCSA Social Apostolate Convention, Ranchi, Central India
May 2, 2023	Meeting with Davide Dell'Oro SJ (EUM), Prof. Vladimir Bazjanac and Prof. Martin Fischer from Stanford University, on Green House Gas (GHG) Emission Prevention Project
May 5 - 22, 2023	Procurators' Congregation Retreat and Congregation, Loyola, Spain
June 6, 2023	Meeting with Professors from Loyola University Chicago and the Rome Centre of Loyola Chicago, General Curia
June 26 - 30, 2023	Annual Meeting of the Secretariat with Conf. Coordinators, GIAN leaders and Advisory Committee, General Curia
July 10, 2023	Online meeting with Ecojesuit team, South Asia
Aug. 7 - 11, 2023	Global Ecojesuit core-team meeting, Bendum-Mindanao, Philippines
Aug. 20 - 27, 2023	Boris Foka SJ participated in the Eco-summer camp at Lassalle Institute - Zurich, Switzerland
Aug. 12 - Sep. 2, 2023	Visit and meetings to social apostolate centres and works in the Philippines (Aug. 11-13), Malaysia (Aug. 13-15), Cambodia (Aug. 16-22), Japan (Aug. 23 - 28) and South Korea (Aug. 28 - Sep. 2)



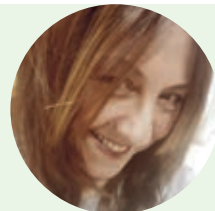
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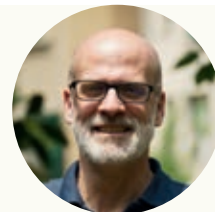
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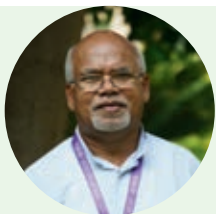


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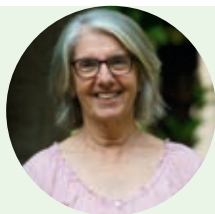


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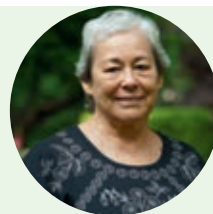
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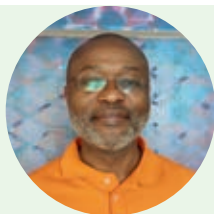
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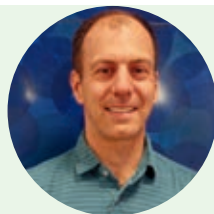
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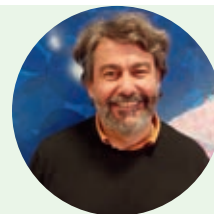
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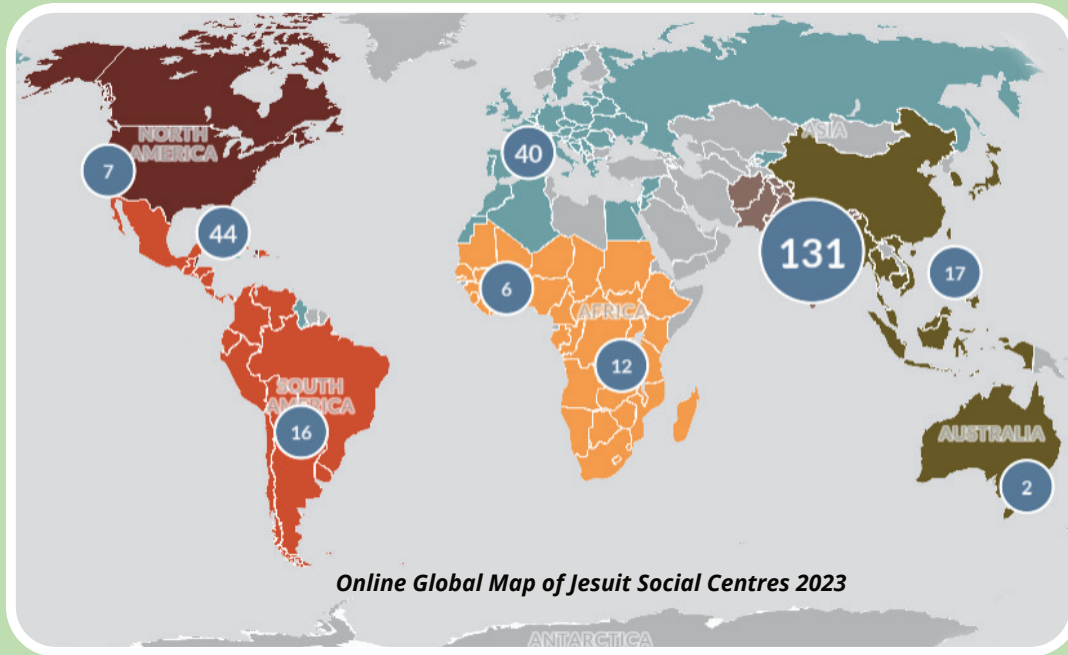


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