



27 March 2024

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

**Warm Greetings,**

The Pope is right: we are living a World War in pieces. Supporting and feeding it are "its lords": those who benefit politically and economically, both in rich countries and poor places where its actions usually occur.

But every war is a defeat, not only of politics but ethics and humanity. The brutalities we see in Sudan, Nigeria, Congo, Cameroon, Palestine, and Ukraine wound our conscience and invite us to recognize at once that there is no way out except through negotiation.

The life-mission of the Society of Jesus responds now more than ever to the calls of reality: following Jesus made Victim--poor, migrant, persecuted, betrayed, and executed. We can genuinely call ourselves His companions in our reconciliation and justice mission.

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**TESTIMONIES**



Read [Elsa's experience](#), a Timorese woman working with Jesuit Social Service to improve the situation in her country:

"These days, I pray for peace in the world, and in particular, for peace in my country. With the youthful population we have, mostly Catholics, I pray for unity and resilience within our community".

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To learn more about the situation of Timor-Leste and the Jesuit response in this challenging context, read this article she shared: [The Joy of Service in Timor-Leste.](#)

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You may also like [Okwero's Sharing](#), a young Jesuit scholastic in South Soudan, about the difficult situation of his nation and how it shaped his vocation.

## GLOBAL CHURCH NEWS



Despite the hardships and dangers due to the unprecedented surge in gang violence, the **Haitian Church continues its work**, showing remarkable resilience, keeping hope alive, and encouraging people, especially young people, not to give up. [Read more](#)

## CONFERENCE & NETWORKS NEWS



**CPAL – In Mexico, [Presidential candidates sign the Catholic Church's Commitment to Peace.](#)**

This initiative resulted from the **National Dialogue for Peace**, which took place in September 2023, organized by the Mexican Bishops' Conference, the Society of Jesus, and the Conference of Major Superiors of Religious of Mexico.



**JCAP – Read more about [Jesuit Júlio Sousa's reflection](#) on the situation in Myanmar:**

"Collaboration and assistance from neighbouring countries are crucial, yet progress on this front has been slow. Unfortunately, global attention has been diverted to other crises".

## OTHER NEWS

- [We are changing our news guidelines on our website](#)
- [Roberto Jaramillo – Networks and networking as instruments, praxis, and expression of synodality.](#)

## REFLECTION: From PI 136



### **Changing Lives in Kangemi: The Impact of Upendo and Uzima Safeguarding Projects in Nairobi's Slum, Kenya**

"We firmly believe that education and awareness are powerful tools that empower individuals to safeguard themselves against potential perpetrators." [Read the entire article](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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