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31st of January 2025

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

The cease-fire agreed between Israel and Hamas is a sign of hope for all humanity. The fact that it is like a very fragile light, and that it depends largely on the will of the parties (to fulfil what has been agreed), invites us to nourish hope and to ask God for the gift of understanding between peoples (49 wars are being fought today).

A single murder for political (economic and religious) interests is a defeat for our humanity, as is the disappearance of 47,283 lives cut short in Gaza, including 17,492 children and more than 10,000 women.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, while we pray to God for the gift of peace and justice, let us review our violent attitudes, let us disarm our hearts and let us show our effective and concrete solidarity (however small) with the victims.

**Roberto Jaramillo Bernal, SJ**  
**SJES Secretary**

## GLOBAL NEWS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY MISSION



### Social Analysis

Béla Kuslits discusses intensive agriculture's environmental and ethical impacts and advocates for biodiversity conservation, less farming and efficient food production. It highlights plant-based diets, reducing food waste, and adjusting consumption patterns to achieve sustainability.

**Read More: [Sustainable Diets and Agricultural Practices](#)**



### Promotio Iustitiae n° 134, 2022/2

WK Pradeep SJ discusses the socio-ecological crisis driven by consumerism, human interference, and misguided worldviews. He advocates for a balanced ecocentric perspective and calls for structural political, economic, and social changes to address environmental issues and ensure global solidarity.

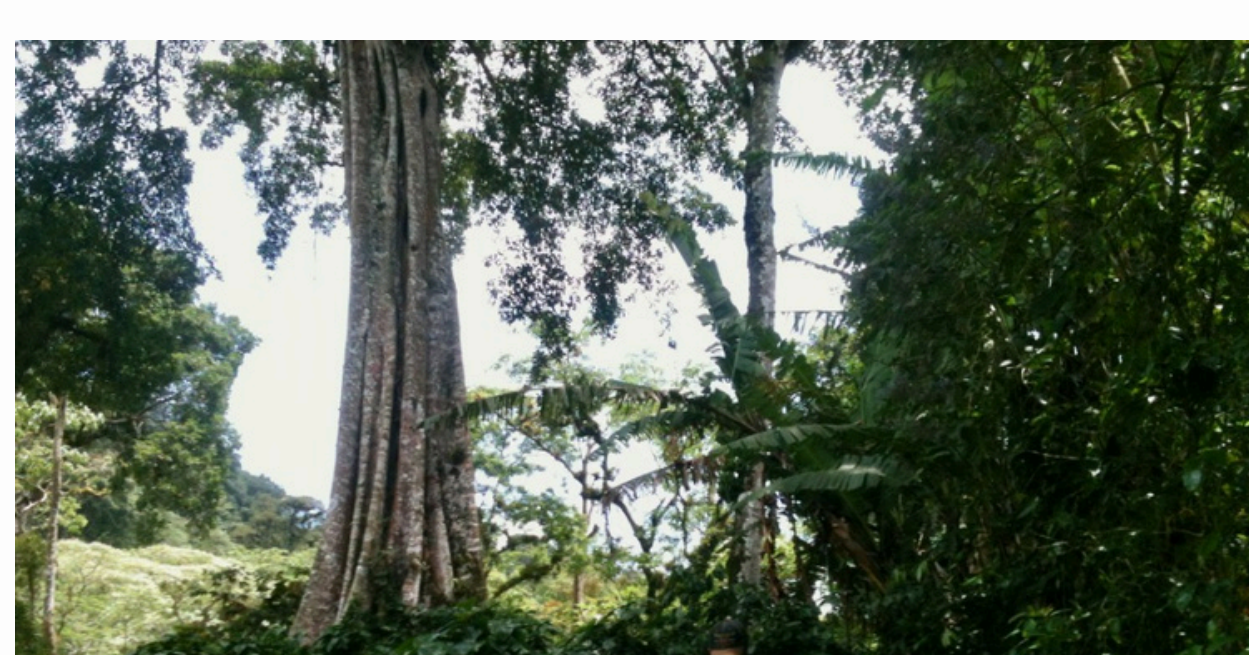
**Read More: [Consumeristic Culture and Need for Socio-Personal and Political Economic Will](#)**



### Field Experience

Lelia ImhofandMaria Orozco from the Catholic University of Córdoba, Argentina, share their mature-based solution: biosolar roofs, which combines green roofs and photovoltaic panels to reduce energy consumption, promote sustainability, and contribute to ecological justice.

**Read more: [Nature's transformative potential: Biosolar Roofs: Creative and Hopeful Solution for Ecological Justice](#)**



### Testimony

Christopher M. Bacon highlights the sad shift from natural agricultural diversity to tobacco monoculture in Nicaragua, highlighting the environmental and health impacts. He advocates for agroecology as a transformative approach to sustainable farming, food security, and climate resilience.

**Read more: [Agroecological Transformations for Environmental Sustainability](#)**



The webinar on Advocacy, led by Amaya Valcárcel, delved into key approaches, strategies, and best practices, drawing attention to successful field experiences. Valcárcel highlighted the crucial importance of setting clear objectives, designing targeted strategies, and fostering effective partnerships with governments, NGOs, and local communities to drive impactful advocacy efforts.

## WEBINAR ON AGROECOLOGY

Theme: Seeking Solutions to the Planetary Environmental Crisis

**Speaker**  
**Miguel A. Altieri,**  
 associate professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Zoom meeting  
11 February 2024 | 2:00PM ROME

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The article we present today is by Davide Dell'Oro, SJ, an Italian Jesuit committed to promoting justice and environmental sustainability as an integral part of his mission.

**Read more: [Can building decarbonization help mitigate climate change?](#)**

A JesuitLens On Climate Action : Following COP29 in Baku at the end of last year, we, alongside our Jesuit partners in Europe and Africa, are delighted to bring you a special podcast episode.

**Read More : [A Jesuit Lens On Climate Action](#)**

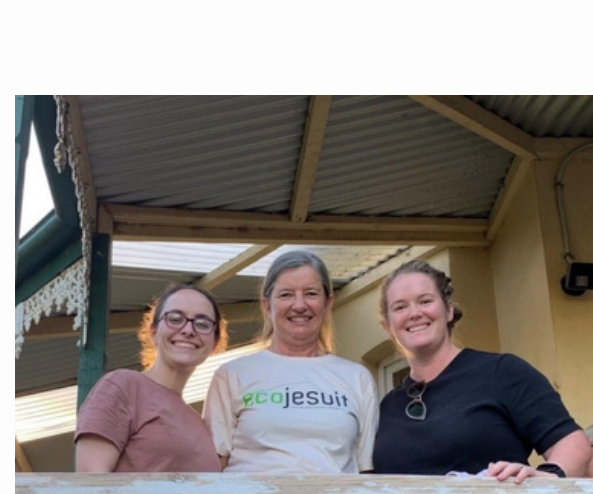
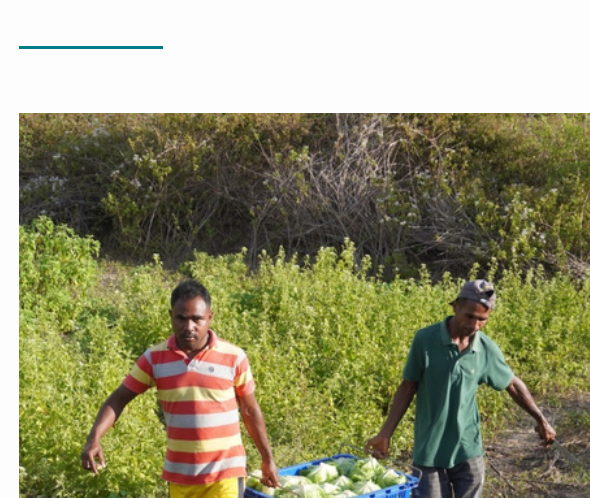


The Society of Jesus in Indonesia celebrated the opening of its newest centre for research and advocacy, PRAKSIS, on 10 December, coinciding with World Human Rights Day.

**Read More: [Advancing democracy through research, advocacy, and education](#)**

A landmark food security program in Timor-Leste has brought new methods to farmers who reap individual and collective benefits from this training.

**Read More: [Growth market](#)**



The Integral Ecology Emerging Leaders Fellowship highlights the importance of caring for creation and the integral connection between all beings.

**Read More: [Reconnecting with creation](#)**

On December 2, 1974, the General Congregation 32<sup>a</sup> (CG 32) of the Society of Jesus began. "Just a month and a half before I started the Jesuit novitiate with nine colleagues..." a narration from Cipriano Diaz Marcos, S.J.

**Read More: [50 years of Decree 4: Faith and Justice](#)**



## PRAYER

### A priest's prayer from a place of war

This heartfelt prayer captures the inner struggles of a priest serving in the midst of conflict.

**[A priest's prayer from a place of war.](#)**

