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31st of October 2024.

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

At the COP29 Assembly, the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin, read Pope Francis's message. The Holy Father explicitly appealed to countries that have used " *natural resources disproportionately for a long time*" to " *forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.*" Highlighted the need for a " *new international financial architecture, centred on people*" as the current notion of economic development has not reduced inequality but " *has favoured the prioritisation of profit and special interests at the expense of the protection of the weakest and ... the progressive deterioration of environmental problems.*" Furthermore, he clarified how debt adversely impacts everyone's prospects since " *ecological debt and foreign debt are two sides of the same coin, mortgaging the future.*"

The message to the COP29 also emphasised the importance of the preservation of creation as " *one of the most urgent issues of our time... closely linked to the preservation of peace*" " *ignoring disillusionment with multilateral institutions and dangerous tendencies to build walls.*" " *We cannot pass by and look away. Indifference is an accomplice to injustice*" he said. " *More than a question of generosity, this is a question of justice.*"

What more is there for me to say?

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Global News In Social Justice And Ecology Mission



Social Analysis

Urban agriculture's soilless techniques offer city dwellers a solution to hunger by producing food locally with minimal land and recycled resources.

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Peru relies on family farming for national food security. This article highlights collaborative water harvesting projects, uniting farmers, community agents, professionals, and local authorities.

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Field Experience

The Jaboticaba Agricultural Family School in Brazil reuses water for sustainable food production. Since 1993, it has combined agroecology with wastewater treatment to enhance food security.

Read more: [Jaboticaba Agricultural Family School Centre \(Fe Y Alegria\) Reuses Water For Food Production In Brazil](#)



Testimony

Jesuit Bryan P. Galligan reflects on his research on how sustainable fishing practices enhance biodiversity and nutritional health in coastal communities.

Read more: [Fishing For Nutrition On The East African Coral Coast](#)



COP29

Jesuits for Climate Justice urge action: activate the Loss and Damage Fund, cancel climate debt, and promote just energy transitions. Inspired by saints who celebrated creation, James Harvey, SJ, calls us to protect our shared home.

Read more: [Preparing For COP 29: Mystics, Prophets And Friends](#)



Roberto Jaramillo, SJ, Secretary for Social Justice and Ecology, announced the appointment of Fr. SM John Kennedy, SJ, as the new leader of the Jesuit Integral Ecology Initiative (EcoJesuit) within the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN). **Read more: [New Director Of Gian Integral Ecology Initiative And New SJES Advisory Committee](#)**

Representatives from more than 20 European countries gathered in Rome to participate in a conference dedicated to the Church's ongoing efforts to protect the most vulnerable. **Read more: [Pope Sends Letter To Participants At Safeguarding Conference](#)**



Addressing COP29 on behalf of Pope Francis and the Holy See, Cardinal Pietro Parolin urges urgent climate action, linking environmental protection to peace, justice, and global solidarity. **Read more: [Holy See To COP29: Indifference Is An Accomplice To Injustice](#)**



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