



31st of October 2024.

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

Tornadoes and earthquakes in the United States, earthquakes and deadly hurricanes in Mexico, cyclones and loods in Vietnam, the Philippines, Mali, Cameroon or Chad, while extended periods of drought affect millions of people in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, and images of the Amazon River reduced to a sandy desert are just as horrifying, etc. Over the last month, the cry of the planet has been loud. Are we listening?

The two-week-long 16th Conference of the Parties under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 16) began on 20 October in Cali, Colombia. In 2025, Belém do Pará (Brazil) will host the COP 30 on Climate Change. We are sceptical, and not without reason, about the effectiveness of these forums in producing concrete changes. Still, we must admit that these are spaces for negotiation, dialogue, and consensus building. It is essential to be present in different ways—in the streets and at the table—because the challenge is for all humanity, governments, and parties. In the face of an anthropic process of accelerated destruction of our common home, we must all act globally and locally. The Society of Jesus has a special mission here because "where there is capacity, there is also responsibility" (Fr. Arrupe).

Roberto Jaramillo Bernal, SJ
SJES Secretary



JESUITS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE GLOBAL STATEMENT

The Ignatian community globally has united to reinforce climate justice, urging three critical demands for COP29 and COP30: an effective Loss and Damage Fund, Climate Debt Cancellation, and a Just Energy Transition. Jesuit Conference Presidents, Provincials, Ecojesuit, the Social Justice Ecology Secretariat, and hundreds in the Ignatian Family endorse the call to action.

Sign the Global Statement and call for change! [Jesuits For Climate Justice Global Statement](#)



Social Analysis: Three professors from Universidad Pontificia Comillas have pivoted from the industrial agriculture model to agroecology, fostering sustainable production and social connections. [Read More: Betting On Agroecology As A Way Of Agricultural Production And Establishing Social Relations](#)



Christopher Bacon highlights participatory action research (PAR) in Nicaraguan cooperatives, advocating for universities to form institutions that sustain long-term partnerships and interdisciplinary action research agendas with frontline communities and others—partnerships that connect farmers, scientists, interfaith civil society groups, and community-based rural enterprises to promote food security and climate resilience. [Read More: Agroecology And Participatory Action Research For Food And Water Justice In Central America](#)



FIELD EXPERIENCE: The "Slow the Flow Project" in Eugowra, Australia, led by ISMAPNG and Jesuit Care for Our Common Home, uses regenerative farming and Indigenous wisdom to prevent floods and restore landscapes, aligning with Laudato Si' goals. [Read more: "Slow The Flow Project": Bringing Connection To Country Into Our Jesuit Way Of Proceeding](#)



TESTIMONY: Simón Pedro Martínez Jara, Jesuit priest and Director of the Centro de Estudios Paraguayos Padre Antonio Guasch (CEPAG) in Paraguay, shares his experience promoting agroecology to care for the common home. [Read more: Promoting Agroecology In Caring For The Common Home](#)



In early October, delegates from various Jesuit provinces and regions convened at Kampong Media in Yogyakarta for a transformative four-day conference focused on the Jesuit social apostolate. [Read more: Learning To Be "Networked"](#)



Pope Francis reminds us that "God walks with His people"—a powerful theme for this year's World Migrants Day. We are called to walk in solidarity with those on the move, sharing their hopes, challenges, and courage. Let us not turn away! [Read more: God Walks With His People](#)



During the first week of October, 86 people representing Jesuit works across North and Central America gathered along the US-Mexico border for the annual assembly of the *Red Jesuita con Migrantes (RJM)*. [Read more: Multi-National Jesuit Migration Meeting Affirms Need For Collaboration Amid Challenging Realities](#)



'Caminos de Hospitalidad' is an initiative to promote a culture of solidarity and inclusion with people forced to migrate. It is a campaign to leave prejudices behind and build a fraternal culture of hope and encounter with all people. [Read more: Caminos de Hospitalidad](#)



The Final Document of the second session of the Sixteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod recounts and relaunches an experience of the Church as communion, participation, and mission, with a concrete proposal of a new vision that overturns established practices. [Read more: Synodality: A conversion aimed at becoming more missionary](#)

