



Peace On Earth

A Corporate Stance of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

In the name of the Living God, true source of all Life and Communion, we, the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, implore the leaders and peoples of the nations from which we come and whose people we serve:

Stop the violence and death which ravage our world and deface the precious Image of God in the bodies, the hearts, the minds of God's Holy People and all creation. Abandon national policies which look to war and destruction of human life and properties as the way to peace and a false security.

We agonize with our sisters and brothers of every faith suffering the horrible effects of this violence in their own flesh. We beg all to listen to the works of Jesus: *"Love your enemy. Do good to those who hate you!"* (Lk 6:27)

Promote equal access to and sharing of the immense resources entrusted to our care to close the growing gap between the rich and the poor. Provide adequate health care, educational opportunities, dignified housing, clean drinking water, social services of all kinds for every person on the face of the earth.

Stop the killing of countless innocent, unborn children by supporting mothers and families in times of crisis and need. Guard with reverent care the lives of our beloved children and developing youth, of those who endure sickness, of those who have grown weak under the burden of years, of those who live with special physical or mental challenges. They are us and, in an extraordinary way, they and we reflect the splendor of God's glory.

Honor the contributions of millions of workers from other nations whose lives and liberty are constantly exposed to danger, exploitation and indignities through unjust and unreasonable immigration laws and policies. Do not kill even those who do immense evil to others. Do not engage in and promote the circle of violence through capital punishment. Instead seek ways to bring genuine reconciliation and healing to both the perpetrators and the victims of violence.

If we do not learn to live together as sisters and brothers, the world will collapse under the collective weight of our own selfishness. And so we pledge our lives, our energies, all of our gifts and talents and resources to work with you, dear sisters and brothers, to together create a culture of life, a civilization of love. We realize that this path is not an easy one and will require immense self-sacrifice, courage, and risk. But together we can walk this journey. Together we can hear the words of Jesus, *"Blessed are you, peacemakers. You shall be called children of God!"* (Mt 5:9) May God's Living Spirit help us to abandon fear and *"put out into the deep."* (Lk 5:4)

Together we can work for, hope for, envision that glorious day when we will see peoples streaming from the East and the West, from the North and the South, peoples of all races, cultures, and ways of life, to sit down in peace as sisters and brothers at one table, united in and with that glorious Communion of Love Who is God. This is our desire, our solemn pledge and our prayer for you and for all creation.