



Dominican Month for Peace

Rome, 11 October 2019

To all the members of the Dominican Family

Dominican Month for Peace 2019

Final letter

Prot. 50/19/117 Promoter of J&P

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just before he finished his term a few months ago, our beloved former Master, fr Bruno Cadoré, sent you a letter on 25 June, announcing that the focus of our annual Dominican Month for Peace for 2019 would be on **India**. We hope that his letter was widely distributed and that you are all ready to celebrate this unique moment of solidarity of the whole Dominican Family during Advent, praying that the Prince of Peace will bless all of our efforts. It will begin on the First Sunday of Advent (1 December), run for the whole of December, and culminate on the Church's World Day of Peace on 1 January.

In case you did not receive fr Bruno's last letter, we attach it again here in order not to repeat all that he has already written. In summary, we can just say that, after showing our solidarity with the valiant efforts of Dominican men and women to build peace in Colombia in 2017 and in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2018, this year we turn to a new continent, Asia, with our focus on India.

As fr Bruno has said, "In the wake of the Synod on Youth that took place in October, 2018, we have decided to reinforce this priority of the Church by including a particular focus on peace as it applies to youth, with whom many of our Dominican brothers and sisters in India are working. With this priority in mind, and while forms of violence are prevalent at so many levels of the huge and complex Indian society, our focus in the 2019 Dominican Month for Peace will be on countering violence, in the form of deprivation and abuse, against children, women and "tribals" (indigenous people), struggles in which many Dominicans are present." Our concern for indigenous people will also echo the preoccupations of Pope Francis in calling the Synod on Amazonia in October, 2019, which is coinciding with our own effort.

To concretise our attention on India, we will focus on two Dominican projects in particular that are directed at youth:

1. The Project Bloom for street children run by Dominicans in Nagpur; and
2. The Dominican Family Safe Childhood Project to train trainers to address child sexual abuse.

We therefore invite you, during this month, to organise activities of prayer, preaching, awareness-raising, fundraising, producing drama, songs or art, media publicity or anything else that can creatively direct our energy towards our Dominican sisters and brothers in India and to these two projects in particular, to strengthen them in being signs of hope, especially to the young and the marginalised.

To assist you in the organisation of the Month, please find attached the following information and materials:

1. A pamphlet describing the situation in India, where Dominicans are located and what they are doing to bring hope to the people.
2. Suggestions of ways to express solidarity.
3. Testimonies of young people who have been touched by the Dominicans.
4. Descriptions of the Common Dominican projects regarding children in India.
5. A description of a "Labyrinth" – a creative form of prayer.
6. Links about India and the Dominicans in India.
7. Art contributions made in the past three years.





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If you have other suggestions on ways to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in India, please do share them with us.

How to send contributions?

Financial Contributions:

Account Name: Indian Centre for Integrated Development

Account Number: 13390100062926

Bank: The Federal Bank LTD

Address: HN 576, Yashwant Apartment, Near Central Mall, East High Court Road, Nagpur – 440010,
Maharashtra State; India

IFSC Code: FDRL0001339:

Swift Code: FDRLINBBIBD

Contributions of Works of Art:

Write to the General Curia: Promoter for Justice and Peace un@curia.op.org

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As a next step, we urge you:

1. to appoint a coordinator for the Month for Peace for your entity/congregation,
2. to inform our promoters of Justice and Peace, fr Mike Deeb un@curia.op.org and Sr Cecilia Espenilla jp.dsi@curia.op.org of the name of the coordinator appointed for your entity/congregation, and
3. to allocate time for possible events in your regular programme for that month.

Thank you very much for your cooperation! May our small actions of solidarity, like the mustard seed, contribute to enabling peace to reign in India!

In St Dominic,


fr Gerard Timoner
Master of the Order


sr Cecilia Espenilla

DSI International Promoter for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



fr Mike Deeb
General Promoter for Justice and Peace

