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From the Editor's Desk...

People on the Move...

From the origin of the universe and since the creation of human beings, humanity has been on the move. Some people move for security, some move in search of better place, in search of labor, to study, and others move to escape conflicts, persecutions, terrorism, and there are also others who move in response to the adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters, or other environmental factors. Yes, people leave their home land in search of better place to live in. Today more people are on the move now than ever before. The study says that one in seven of the world population are migrants. United nation defines migrant as; a person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a state away from his/her habitual place of residence regardless of the personal legal status. Whether the movement is voluntary or involuntary, what the causes of the movements are or what the length of the stay is.

Today more people than ever live in a country other than the one in which they were born or belong. In 2017, the number of migrants reached 258 million, it marks a huge rise when compared to about 173 million in 2000. And today there are an estimated 1 billion migrants in the world, of whom 258 million are international migrants and 763 million are internal migrants. The world celebrates 18th December as international day of migrants and refugees. And catholic church celebrates the day of migrants since the first world war 1914. The issue of migrants and refugees is a main thrust in the world today, and especially a major concern of church's pastoral action.

Pope Francis urged to the people to open their hearts and homes to those arriving in their lands, and he also tweeted "Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed.



May our hearts not be closed as were the houses in Bethlehem". Dear brethren, the Creator God created the universe for everybody to live in, and the place becomes more better when everyone lives together and when everything is for everybody. Therefore as our Holy Father Pope Francis says, let us open our hearts and home for the ones who are on the move in search of a better life.

QUADRAGESIMO ANNO: AFTER FORTY YEARS (PIUS XI 1931)

INTRODUCTION

Pope Pius XI wrote *Quadragesimo Anno* in 1931 on the 10th anniversary of his pontificate. As the title itself indicates, it was to celebrate forty years of the publication of the momentous and historical encyclical of Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*.

CONTEXT OF QUADRAGESIMO ANNO

World War I had shattered liberal confidence. Parliamentary democracy seemed almost helpless in the face of the mass movement of fascism and communism. The Church, better organized and more united than ever before, might be able to offer a credible alternative to a failed Capitalism and a fearsome Socialism.



THEMES DEVELOPED IN THE ENCYCLICAL

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Subsidiarity and Civil Society

The Ownership and Right to Property

.....the Creator Himself has given man the right of private ownership not only that individuals may be able to provide for themselves and their families but also that the goods which the Creator destined for the entire family of mankind may through this institution truly serve this purpose (#45).

Social Justice and Social Charity

He mentioned the following consequences of unrestrained capitalism around the world:

- the exploitation of the 'working poor' by manufacturing and industry in regions of the new world (#59)
- the impoverishment of rural workers with little hope of ever acquiring land (#59)
- unemployment and disparity of wealth resulting from 'the excessive lowering of wages, or their increase beyond due measure' (#74, 125)
- economic dictatorship where a few run investment funds 'according to their own arbitrary will and pleasure', monopolizing economic life whereby 'only the strongest survive' (#105–107, 132)
- the fight to gain supremacy over the state to use its resources and authority in economic struggles and the internationalization of finance 'whose country is where profit is' (#108–109)



Subsidiarity and Civil Society

For every social activity ought of its very nature to furnish help to the members of the body and never destroy and absorb them (#79).

He called for the constitution of organizations representing industries and professions, as well the founding of associations representing local groups and interests that promoted the common good (#82–87).

He also called for our engagement in the reconstruction of the social order – to develop a keen sense of justice, to exercise judgment that avoids extremes, and to bring the charity of Christ to our times.

Upon this road so often tried by happy experience, there is no reason why we should not hesitate to go forward with all speed (#142).

FOR REFLECTION

Where do you see community and church organizations, or movements seeking to foster development and change in our society? What can we do to strengthen civil society in India?

From Jeevadhama, Passionist Theologate Bangalore

Comforting Crucified Christ and being Comforted

The synod on Young People, Faith and Vocation Discernment makes it clear that “the Church response” the synod said, “must be a commitment of time and patience as it helps young people grasp the relationship between their adherence of faith in Jesus Christ and the way they live their affectivity and interpersonal relationship”; it is this same response that we the second year Theology students cherished in the ministry with the street children at Bosco Youvodaya, Bangalore. As the synodal document emphasizes that “the young are ‘now’”, concerning their existence; and it is this what enabled all of us to reach out to them whereby making our one year fruitful in our formation journey. The Salesian ministry to reach out the Youth at Risk (YaR) is spread out in many of the states of India today and Bangalore Bosco Youvodaya is the origin of it.

We recognized in the street children who have starved days together, who are physically and mentally wounded, abused, ran from their own homes, in the victims of child labor and at many such instances the face of Christ crucified.



Three of us were placed in three different places like Majestic railway station, Majestic bus stand, and in shelter home identifying the children at risk, conversing and recognizing their problems, playing and sharing knowledge and safely reaching them to their appropriate homes.

There was a great joy in giving them love and care immeasurably. We all felt that joy in rescuing each child and a brilliant future ahead from railway platforms, streets and bus stand. The initial move was so discouraging, uncomfortable and strange but we learnt a lot from the children themselves. Every encounter with children reminded us of the care that God has for each of us. Their language was a language of openness as they were ready to share their painful past and being helped by us, other staffs and police to mold their new future. Their hidden talents made us dedicate ourselves whole heartedly. And we believe looking behind that we are really blessed.

Bro. Noble Judson C P

JPIC India' Scholarship Programme



JPIC India initiated a scholarship programme for the School going children.

First phase of it was done in Palliport
with the blessings of
Very Rev. Fr. Paul Cherukoduth C P

Fifteen school going children were awarded with the Scholarship.



PEACE MIRROR...

Dear Brethren,

It is sad to see our own brothers and sisters suffering due to floods and landslides!

You all are aware of the floods which affected some parts of India, Kerala being one among them and, probably, the worst hit by the recent monsoon in terms of loss of lives and livelihoods. Places like Wayanad and Nilambur are badly affected by the floods. We, as Passionists called to serve Christ in the crucified ones of today, need to reach out our helping hands in support of our brothers and sisters who are victims of flood. In response to this crisis the great works done by our brothers collecting distributing the necessary things for the victims of the flood are well appreciated and encouraged. At the Vice-Province level, JPIC India has taken the initiative to respond to this situation to help the victims. Towards this initiative, JPIC would appreciate and request every member of the Vice Province and every community of the Vice Province to contribute their part. Your generosity of heart may be expressed through prayers and financial support.



Project design for the rehabilitation of the flood victims is under way.

Expecting your kind hearted responses.

Thanking you in advance...

Our responses so far to the devastating flood...

Our communities in Nilamboor, Palliport and Cochin extended their support

