

Redesigning international cooperation on respect for the life and dignity of the human person through interfaith dialogue on shared universal values

"Everything is linked" Laudato si'

At the beginning of the 21st century, we are witnessing two major trends at the international level:

1. **The collapse of the fundamental norms of public international law on respect for the life and dignity of the human person.** Don't resign yourself to it!
2. **The growing failure of States and international intergovernmental organizations, forcing civil society to take over:** To overcome the impasse of contemporary positive law, recall the religious origin of the law.

To find solutions, anchor ourselves in the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church, if possible on other religious traditions, in particular:

1. **For conflict prevention and resolution.**
2. **To combat the worst violations of human dignity such as torture and modern slavery** and to stimulate fundamental reflection on certain contemporary trends that reduce the human person to an animal, a commercial object or even a machine (<http://bit.ly/RightToLifeAndHumanDignity>).
3. **For an orderly, safe and humane management of migration, in particular through education.** Let us quote Laudato si' : "Education will be ineffective, and its efforts will be in vain, if it does not also try to spread a new paradigm... Otherwise, the consumerist paradigm... and the efficient gears of the market, will continue to grow."
4. **For the elimination of weapons of mass destruction and the end of the arms race.**
5. **To promote a globalization of humanity and solidarity and a challenge to the current exacerbated economic liberalism.**
6. **To establish and develop cooperation networks based on the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity and a paradigm based on Christ's message.**

Values - contained in the Social Doctrine of the Church - are essential to give meaning to cooperation and, even more so, to guide action. Do not forget the individual and collective prayer that connects to God the Creator, that gives meaning to the search for truth and service and a full dimension to communities. Take every opportunity to convey our message and make concrete contributions. **Ora et labora.**