

# Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation News

## Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours

### Building Peace



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*"All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations."  
Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message 2022*

To commemorate the World Peace Day on January 1, Pope Francis issued his annual papal message entitled "**Dialogue between generations, education and work: tools for building lasting peace**". The 2022 World Peace Day message emphasizes the importance of intergenerational connections for building a world of lasting and just peace, and in particular, the importance of education and dialogue between generations.

As we begin this new year, so rife with both human and environmental crises as well as the relentless COVID pandemic, we are called to be peacemakers. As you reflect on the excerpts from the World Peace Day message in this newsletter, consider how you can bring peace to all the places your feet will take you in 2022.

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who announce peace."* (Is 52:7)

#### World Peace Day Message, 2022:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giomatomondiale-pace2022.html>

#### Dialogue between generations to build peace



*"Our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of those who are older, and those who are older need the support, creativity and dynamism of the young."  
Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message 2022*

#### Reflection

*How is the Bon Secours Family benefitting from our intergenerational partnerships?  
What role can you play in 2022 to strengthen dialogue across generations?*

January  
JPIC Days of Remembrance

January 1  
55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace  
(Catholic Church)

January 17  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (USA)

January 24  
Foundation Day  
Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris



*In the spirit of our Foundress, Josephine Potel, may we be a healing, compassionate and liberating presence as we care for each other and care for Earth, our common home.*

January 27  
International Commemoration  
for Victims of the Holocaust

**Sisters of Bon Secours...Women of healing...defending and caring for all creation (Mission Focus)**

"Let us walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work. May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace.

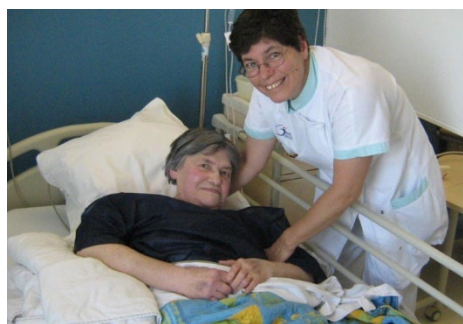
Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message 2022

### Teaching and Education as drivers of peace

Pope Francis urged global leaders to spend more money on education and devote fewer resources to weapons in his 2022 World Day of Peace message.

*"It is high time, then, that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on weaponry."*

Pope Francis urges us to view education as an investment, rather than an expenditure, which he says is vital for "promoting integral human development." Such investments, the pope says, "make individuals more free and responsible, and they are essential for the defense and promotion of peace."



*"Labor is an expression of ourselves, our gifts and also of our commitment, self-investment and cooperation with others, since we always work with or for someone. Seen in this clearly social perspective, the workplace enables us to learn to make our contribution towards a more habitable and beautiful world."*

Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message 2022

*"In recent years, there has been a significant reduction worldwide in funding for education. Military expenditures, on the other hand, have increased beyond the levels at the end of the Cold War and they seem certain to grow exorbitantly."*

Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message 2022

### Creating and ensuring labor builds peace

Pope Francis reminds us that labor, the dignity of work, is the foundation on which to build justice and solidarity in every community. He says *"It is more urgent than ever to promote, throughout our world, decent and dignified working conditions, oriented to the common good and to the safeguarding of creation."*

#### Reflection

*How does your work enable you to create a more peaceful, habitable and beautiful world?*

*Consider what you can do in 2022 to advocate for those deprived of just wages and just working conditions.*

### Pax Christi International (PCI)

As members of Pax Christi International, we welcome Pope Francis' timely and relevant World Peace Day message to start a new year. Education and capacity building for peace and nonviolence is integral to the mission of Pax Christi International. This organization works with partners in every region of the world to teach people the Gospel roots of nonviolence and how they can put it into practice in their lives, families, schools, and communities. Here are a few ways PCI is already putting the message of Pope Francis into action:

- **Using social media and apps for active nonviolence and peacebuilding in the DRC:** This newly launched digital program teaches tech skills to young people in a collaborative way and focuses on using these tools for the promotion of active nonviolence and peacebuilding.
- **A Policymaker's Tool for Effective, Nonviolent Strategies for Sustainable Peace:** PCI recently published a practical guide for policymakers (and all those who want to make nonviolence a matter of policy). They brought together experts and stories from around the peace movement to highlight the importance of nonviolence for policymakers as well as how easy and cost-effective it can be. The publication is available in English, French and Spanish. <https://paxchristi.net/2021/12/22/world-day-of-peace-message-from-pope-francis/>
- **Water for Life:** In June PCI launched a new educational and advocacy campaign highlighting the need for water justice throughout the Americas as a result of extractive industries. The campaign calls on the international community for solidarity and action. Violations of the right to water are an intergenerational concern and disproportionately impact vulnerable groups in rural areas, including Afro-descendants, farmers, and Indigenous communities. <https://paxchristi.net/2021/06/29/water-for-life/>

### Welcome Sister Rosa Elena Lozada Escobar and thank you Sister Yolanda Morales Valiente!



The International JPIC Committee warmly welcomes Sr. Rosa Elena to our committee. Sr. Rosa was appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022.

At the same time, we are grateful to Sr. Yolanda for her service to our committee and her unwavering commitment to advancing peace and justice.

### International Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Committee

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