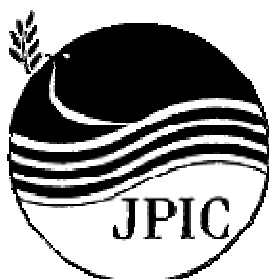


4th INTER-CONGREGATIONAL JPIC TRAINING SESSION
2ND -16TH August 2009
St. AUGUSTINE'S INSTITUTE KAMPALA - UGANDA



The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men and women of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in our hearts..... That is why this community realizes that it is truly linked with humankind and its history by the deepest of bonds. (Gaudium et Spes, 1965, No. 1)

Aim of the session

This session is one further step in the ongoing formation of our members in the domain of JPIC. As congregations working in Africa, we also recognise the importance of giving our membership in Africa the opportunity to lead and participate in networks promoting Justice and Peace on the continent. These sessions should enable these men and women already involved in Justice and Peace Ministries in the field to revisit their experiences and to fashion the tools they need.

This session is in line with the next Synod for Africa convoked by Pope Benedict XVI: ***'The Church in Africa at the service of reconciliation, justice and peace.'***

Focus

Taking account of the particular context of East Africa, the themes of the session will be turned towards issues of Human Rights, Conflict Resolution, Reconciliation, Inter-Religious Dialogue and Gender issues.

Specific Objectives

- Ongoing Formation for members of our Institutes, using the methodology of the Pastoral Cycle - 'See, Judge, Act'.
- Structure action in favour of JPIC at local, national, regional and international levels.
- Promote networking at intercongregational and other levels in the area of JPIC, enabling all the participants to support one another, reflect together and pilot joint actions.

1st Week

- Listen and share our various experiences
- Social Analysis based on these experiences in the light of the Gospel and the Social Teaching of the Church.

Themes 2nd Week Draft

Dr. Desire Nzisabira.

There will be a full day exploration of the theme of Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation. Participants will receive tools that will assist them in reflecting on different types of conflict, the importance of understanding the roots of any conflict and its history. The group will also explore together possible avenues towards a promotion of Conflict Resolution, PeaceBuilding and Reconciliation.

Lady Justice Mary Maitum.

Based on her great experience of Culture and Law, Justice Mary Maitum will lead the group in a half day exploration of issues involved in Gender Rights, both in Society at large and within the Catholic Church. These will be examined in the light of Moral, Legal and Faith perspectives.

Fr. Richard Nnyombi M. Afr.

Fr. Richard will lead the group in exploring the values of respect and appreciation of other churches and faiths (with particular reference to Islam) in our desire to be witnesses and promoters of the Kingdom of God. This will be based on our understanding of faith and shared values. This is foreseen to last one half day.

Archbishop John Baptist Odama.

He will join the group for an afternoon sharing on his personal and Diocesan experience of promoting Peace, Reconciliation and Justice in Northern Uganda. He will also share on his faith experience and commitment to journeying with the victims of violent conflict.

JPIIIPC will present the following points:

- Brief history of JPIIIPC Consortium with 6 founding members
- Experience of JPIIIPC in this collaborative centre for education in JPIC for the last two years
- Specific advantages and challenges encountered
- Lessons learnt and proposals for similar networks.

Philip Massawe C.S.Sp. & Jim Greene M. Afr.

Fr. Philip will present **Vivat International** as an organized network at the UN of some religious congregations. They are united in the belief that their work, expertise, and experience has direct bearing on issues related to social justice, development, peace, and ecology.

Fr. Jim will present **Africa Europe Faith & Justice Network (AEFJN)** which is a faith-based international network mandated by 48 Catholic Religious and Missionary Institutes working in Africa and Europe, that promotes equitable economic relations between Africa and Europe.

Session Animators: Fr. John Patrick Ngoyi C.I.C.M. & Sr. Evelyn Namakula FdCC

Fr. John has been involved in improving citizen participation in democratic governance in Nigeria and has facilitated all previous sessions of this programme.

Sr. Evelyn Namakula lectures at Ugandan Martyrs University and is the assistant director of the JPIIIPC centre, specialising in education for JPIC

Sudanese Prayer

*We lift our eyes and hands to heaven,
we are not praying for heaven, Lord,
we pray for food,
for peace, justice and equality,
For love and solidarity
among men here on earth.*

*But now you have confused us, Lord,
it is hard to find you.*

*For you have come among us,
and imprinted your likeness
on every human face.*

*But... why do these faces still reflect
only conflict, hatred and selfishness?*

*It is that, because God became human,
humans have decided to step down and become
stones?*

Restore us, Lord, to our humanity.

+ Cardinal Zubeir, Khartoum

Romero Prayer

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.*

*We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.*

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

*We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.*

Some Internet Addresses:

USG /UISG JPIC Commission

<http://www.jp2ipc.org/>

USG/UISG JPIC Formation <http://jp2ipcformation.wikispaces.com/>

John Paul II Justice and Peace Centre, Uganda: <http://www.jp2ipc.org/>

Vivat International <http://www.vivatinternational.org/>