



2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Solidarity, Cooperation and Responsibility: the antidotes to fight injustices, inequalities and exclusions

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Convention endeavored thoughtfully and with appropriate spiritual awareness of the human condition to discern in the ways of the world how shortcomings of injustices, inequality, and exclusions can be made good through application of the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Such discernment is a dialogue between reason and faith, between science and the spirit of love. Enlightened minds move towards solidarity, inclusion, and responsible commitment to the common good.

The self which cannot discern common truths and is unable to access the transcendent lives in a void divorced from community, separated from God's love, and alienated unto itself alone. Therefore, such persons are prone to causing injustices, oblivious to inequalities, and accepting the exclusion of others. What is true for the covid virus is true for other "infections" besetting human minds and hearts.

Many learned and excellent presentations made to the conference examined various realities during this time of pandemic, each concluding that the pandemic has brought about a new awareness of our vulnerabilities. A Catholic identity does in fact motivate us to work for all, to be in solidarity with others, to have a "mindset" of responsibility, educated and seeking new models of sustainability and consumption. In crisis is opportunity for necessity and for responsibility and caring.

Fraternity and hope perfect persons. They generate solidarity, which naturally brings about cooperation, and promotes responsible interdependence. The message of God's love is freely available to nourish the hope necessary to create such social realities. Solidarity brings forth transmission of ideas and love between individuals and among peoples. Ideas and love empower our rising above crisis.

Dialogue is essential to open the mind and give courage to the heart to commit the self to more transcendent realities, to seek to learn and discern, to use science wisely in the creation of knowledge and sustainable progress. Solidarity is also the continuity of transmission of what is past to what is and to what will be.

This “mindset” of fraternity coupled with hope is a tangible contribution to the common good, empowering the human person with resilience not to break in the face of struggles and fears.

The Foundation must also **be inclusive**, capable of involving a wide range of actors in its projects through forms of **subsidiarity, collaboration and partnership**, opening itself up as much as possible. This is what we are doing at the center but it is an approach that must be implemented above all at the local level. In order to spread the SDC, we must implement "**capacity building**" actions, i.e., mobilizing, activating and strengthening our resources, skills and knowledge, and those of the territory where we operate, to achieve our mission and the wellbeing of the whole community. It is about **enhancing the chain of our responsibilities by promoting and emphasizing the intrinsic link between the two dimensions: person and community**. This Conference contributed to the process of regeneration and renewal. It has enlightened our thinking and the process of “look-think-act” for the common good.

On several occasions, the Holy Father has invited everyone to work, in their respective roles, so that after the Pandemic we do not go back to the past but take this opportunity to start a **regeneration process** through the construction of a new world, a development model that is fairer, more just, more supportive and more sustainable in economic, social and environmental terms. We are committed to that noble purpose fortified by the content and quality of this Conference.

The Church is social capital which brings about solidarity, cooperation, and responsibility. The reason of the mind must be integrated with the soul which is in the heart.

The Church by providing this saving social capital can with confidence and love promote its social teachings in dialogue with persons everywhere.