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in Unprecedented Times

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It has been an unprecedented, unexpected and unforgettable year. We faced unforeseen challenges, but we responded with creativity, courage and conviction that even in the time of pandemic we can continue our mission of preaching Christ's kingdom of holiness, justice and peace!

This year 2021 is also a year of grace for the Dominican family as we celebrate the 800th Jubilee of the heavenly birthday of St. Dominic (6 August 2021). The year-long celebration started on the Solemnity of the Epiphany (6 January 2021) and will conclude on the same solemnity (6 January 2022). This means that the beginning and conclusion of our celebration is an act of thanksgiving to God for the grace of his *Epiphany*, his revelation as ***Lumen gentium***, “**Light to all the nations**”.

On this jubilee year, Pope Francis has gifted the Dominican Family with an inspiring letter to the Order, *Praedicator Gratiae*. The Holy Father affirmed that St. Dominic’s “witness to the mercy of Christ and his desire to bring its healing balm to those experiencing material and spiritual poverty was to inspire the foundation of your Order and shape the life and apostolate of countless Dominicans in varied times and places. The unity of truth and charity found perhaps its finest expression in the Dominican school of Salamanca, and particularly in the work of Friar Francisco de Vitoria, who proposed a framework of international law grounded in universal human rights. This in turn provided the philosophical and theological foundation for the heroic efforts of Friars Antonio Montesinos and Bartolome de Las Casas in the Americas, and Domingo de Salazar in Asia to defend the dignity and rights of the native peoples.”

We are grateful to Pope Francis for affirming the role of the Dominican Family, then and now, in the Church’s mission of bringing the Good News to situations of suffering.

The year 2020 was also a year of transition within the Order’s Delegation to the United Nations. I thank our brother Mike Deeb, who, for seven years diligently represented the Order at the United Nations and served as General Promoter for Justice and Peace. I also thank our brother Aniedi Okure for his availability to serve as the Order’s Delegate to the United Nations in the coming years.

Gerard Timoner

FR. GERARD TIMONER, OP
President

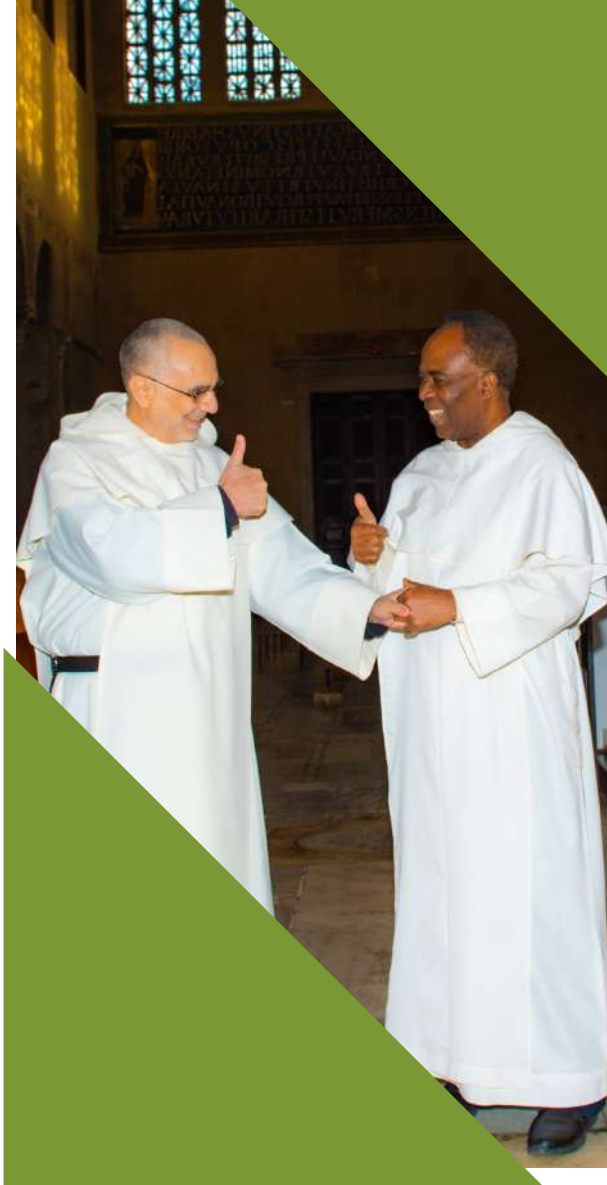
MESSAGE FROM FR. MIKE

In my 7 years as Director of Dominicans for Justice and Peace, I was privileged to witness the consolidation of the Dominican Order's presence in the UN in Geneva and increasingly in Vienna and Nairobi. This was manifested in

- Sustained partnerships to promote human rights and environmental justice with Dominicans on the ground,
- More targeted advocacy in UN mechanisms in support of their local initiatives,
- Greater visibility of our work especially in my last year as our communications and fundraising capacity was strengthened,
- ***Greater participation of the global Dominican Family, in support of these efforts, seen more and more as an integral part of the Order's global mission.***

Now, with a new experienced and creative director and a strong team, I look forward to witnessing, in the coming years, a greater synergy and impact of these efforts in contributing to justice and peace in our world, and hence fulfilling a major part of the Order's mission.

Mike Deeb
FR. MIKE DEEB, OP



MESSAGE FROM FR. ANEIDI

The call to serve the Dominican Family as the General Promoter of Justice and Peace and Permanent Delegate to the United Nations is both a trust and a challenge. As a necessary first steps, I am committed to learn about the accomplishments of the Delegation over the years, so I can better understand the diverse contexts where the Dominican Family render service to humanity in 120 countries, and the challenges the face within those

contexts. Then along with the team, work to strengthen the coalition within the Family and with others who have similar mission. There is strength in numbers. An African proverb reminds us that,

"When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion." God has blessed the Dominican Family with a rich heritage, an abundance of talents and a wealth of expertise and experience in different fields.

Collaboratively we will harness all these gifts to generate innovative and effective ways of responding to modern challenges with greater results.

Aniedi Okure
FR. ANIEDI OKURE, OP



ABOUT US:

DOMINICANS FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Our vision and mission

Dominicans for Justice and Peace [henceforth “the Delegation”] is dedicated to the promotion of the Good News of justice and peace in the world, concretized in the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church, which is integral to the Order’s mission to seek truth. It aims at liaising with members of the Dominican Family worldwide as well as other partners of the civil society,

encouraging them and increasing their capacity to advocate for the promotion and protection of human rights for all at the local, national and international levels. Working with people across the world, from big cities to the most isolated areas, Dominicans for Justice and Peace ensures a unique visibility of their actions at the UN and thus plays a distinctive role at the international level and on the ground.

COVID-19 AND THE WATCHDOG ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

The fast spread of the disease and the measures taken to curb it worldwide particularly impacted the most vulnerable populations.

For decades and even centuries, epidemic and pandemic have sparked ethical questions on how to adequately control transmission of a disease. Ethical considerations relevant to public health measures compel States to address the fine balance between reducing virus spread through restrictive measures (e.g. confinement and travel bans) and acting in accordance with fundamental rights. And yet, the year 2020 and its Covid-19 outbreak undermined human rights in an unprecedented manner. The adoption of discriminatory laws, the harassment and disproportionate use of force by agents of States, the unnecessary restrictions on press freedom, the denied access to health services, to social security, to water and sanitation, to crucial information, etc. were just some of the abuses committed in the context of the pandemic. The crisis deepened existing social inequalities and destabilised health and social programmes already weakened by years of underinvestment. In this context, the Delegation was conscious that it was absolutely fundamental to be alert in this period.



PANDEMIC WORLD

It was clear that civil society actors had a critical role in monitoring and documenting the implementation by States of their international human rights obligations. The Dominican Family and their partners were among those at the forefront of the fight, helping the populations most in need and denouncing human rights violations. Thanks to regular communications with them, Dominicans for Justice and Peace brought a critical voice at the UN on the human rights record of various countries.

As democratic safeguards were restricted in many countries, it was paramount to ensure that new online platforms provided by the UN were enabling civil society to monitor and report in a secure and effective manner the human rights violations. Through numerous joint written statements, the Delegation ensured that this fundamental condition was heard in the discussions at the UN.

While this crisis highlighted the weaknesses of social and economic systems, it also showed the interconnectedness of societies and of each individual and civil society played a fundamental role in reminding governments that no one can be left behind.

**“HISTORY SHOWS US THAT WHEN GOVERNMENTS FAIL US,
CITIZENS MOBILIZE, BUILD ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS,
CONFRONT THE DOMINANT CULTURE AND BRING
TRANSFORMATIONS THAT FORM A STRONG LEGACY FOR RIGHTS
AND LIBERTIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.”**

Laurence Blattmer, Programme Coordinator,
quoted in the April - May 2020 Special Dossier of the World
Student Christian Federation (WSCF)





WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2020

The sanitary crisis impacted the daily work and the projects of the Delegation, as it had never been the case before. All planned trips to meet partners and train them on the ground were cancelled. Many UN reviews were postponed or their methodology of work dramatically changed. Nevertheless, thanks to its ability to adapt quickly because of its small structure, the Delegation has succeeded in fulfilling a good part of its action plan through its advocacy, training and academic programmes.

Building capacity of Dominican networks working on justice and peace and of human rights defenders

Building the capacities of Dominicans and their partners on the ground has always been a pillar of action for the Delegation. In the context of the sanitary, social and economic crisis, it became even more urgent for Dominicans for Justice and Peace to provide human rights training. With travel bans and movement restrictions, the team needed to quickly find alternatives to in-person training. Live Zoom sessions became a viable solution. Thanks to the Dominican University Domuni who provided access to the e-learning platform Moodle, the Delegation also started developing online formation.

DRC

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Dominicans for Justice and Peace organized for the first time an hybrid training on techniques of human rights investigation in the mining sector. The training held on Zoom successfully gathered during 3 days a group of 10 participants in Isiro, 2 trainers in Kinshasa and 1 participant in Kisangani. Following this training, 2 participants replicated the training in an isolated area in the north of the country.

As a result of the DRC training, the newly trained investigators were able to organise fact-finding missions in artisanal mining and uncovered inhuman conditions and extreme violence against children working in the mine.



IVORY COAST

In Ivory Coast, the Delegation built capacities of 23 Dominicans and partners working on juvenile justice through an online Moodle training followed by an in-person training. The formation covered the legal framework of juvenile justice in Ivory Coast as well as technical aspects of the work of monitoring and advocacy. A special section was also dedicated to the UN mechanisms in Vienna dealing with juvenile justice.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In Papua New Guinea, the Delegation organised, jointly with the ICCG, ERI and FMSI, its first ever online formation. The formation enabled the participants to prepare themselves for the upcoming Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and provided key information on how to build up an advocacy plan.

Concrete Impacts:

✓ Dominicans for Justice and Peace trained 47 Dominicans and partners on the collection of information, monitoring and advocacy

✓ 5 trainees in the DRC became themselves trainers

“

The training on collecting information on human rights abuses allowed me personally to master the mining code and regulations of the DRC, especially the provisions on human rights protection.”

FR. AUGUSTIN WILIWOLI, DOMINICAN FRIAR AND
NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE OF THE
DOMINICAN FAMILY IN THE DRC



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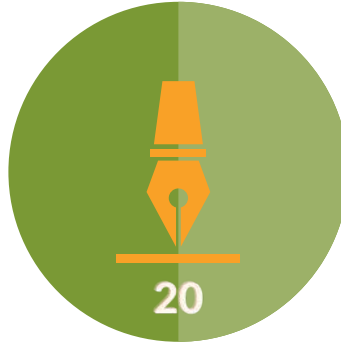
The training was very beneficial. It gave us the tools that enabled us to prepare questionnaire guides, process the information collected in the field, analyse it and write our advocacy report.”

CONSTANCE BINDE, LAY DOMINICAN AND
MEMBER OF THE DOMINICAN JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION
IN IVORY COAST

WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2020



4 country reports submitted
to UN mechanisms



20 questions proposed
by Dominicans for Justice and Peace
adopted by the UN Treaty Bodies



6 declarations delivered &
15 co-signed



Bringing the voice of the victims and local defenders at the UN

- The Delegation mobilised the Dominican Family of the **Solomon Islands** in the drafting of a joint UPR report, together with Franciscans International and the Society of St Francis, focusing on the impacts of logging activities on human rights. At the 43rd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), the Delegation delivered a statement during the presentation of the annual report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment. The statement highlighted the adverse impacts of logging companies on human rights in the Solomon Islands and **Papua New Guinea**.
- On the occasion of the elections to the Human Rights Council for the period 2021 - 2023, for which **Mexico** and **Ivory Coast** were running, the Delegation engaged with Mexican and Ivorian partners to increase pressure on the States candidates to make public pledges to improve their human rights record.

**“We observe the persistence of the work
of pregnant women and children in
artisanal mines in deplorable conditions.”
Oral Statement during the Interactive
Dialogue on the DRC, 45th session of the
HRC**



- In the **Philippines**, the Delegation mobilised the thematic commissions, created during its 2019 human rights training, in order to receive updated and critical information on civil and political rights in the country. A report for the UN Committee on Civil and Political Rights was then prepared.
- During the adoption of the UPR report on **Ivory Coast** at the 43rd session of the HRC, the Delegation shared, together with the International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE), key messages coming from partners on the ground on juvenile justice.

In the south-eastern region of the DRC alone, 40,000 children are reportedly working in artisanal mines.

- Throughout the year, the Delegation accompanied 17 defenders in the **DRC** with national and international advocacy to amplify the impact of their fight for good governance in the mining sector. It co-organised a webinar on the topic, which attracted over 100 people from the civil society, governments and the UN. The Delegation also co-produced an advocacy paper which was shared at the UN during the negotiations on the DRC Resolution as well as with Permanent Missions in Geneva. An oral statement was delivered during the 45th session of the HRC. Key recommendations could also be shared with the Human Rights Minister of the DRC, Mr. André Lite, through a bilateral meeting. Finally, the Delegation actively participated in the 66th pre-session of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in which a list of human rights issues for the DRC was adopted. Almost half of the questions proposed by Dominicans for Justice and Peace were taken by the Committee and transmitted to the DRC.



“There is a sanitary emergency in the detention centre of Akpro-Missérété that the authorities [of Benin] must address.” Urgent appeal, April 2020



On 17 August 2020, in Negros Island in the Philippines, unidentified gunmen shot dead Zara Alvarez, a human rights defender and partner of the Delegation.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2020

- The Delegation also took up a case requiring urgent action in **Benin** in the context of the rising of the Covid-19 in the country. It sent an urgent appeal to the UN Working Group on arbitrary detention and the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression, informing the experts of a case of arbitrary detention and sharing concerns on the alarming sanitary situation in the Akpro-Missérété prison.



“The government [of Cameroon] continues to minimize the severity of the crisis” Advocacy paper distributed to diplomatic missions

- Given the ongoing human rights violations committed in **Cameroon**, Dominicans for Justice and Peace consistently called the Government to end the crisis through a constructive and inclusive dialogue and to uphold its responsibility to protect its citizens.
- The Delegation cooperated in the submission of a joint UPR report on **Australia**, with the integral involvement of Dominicans in Australia. The report contained clear recommendations to uphold the rights of vulnerable groups, including the youth, indigenous peoples, refugees, asylum seekers, victims of climate change and victims of human trafficking.

Promoting environmental justice, denouncing abuses committed by businesses

Zoonoses diseases, crossing over from animals to humans, constitute today a large portion of the newly identified infectious diseases, such as it is the case with the Covid-19. As the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment mentioned, “**deforestation, industrial agriculture, illegal wildlife trade, climate change** and other types of environmental degradation increase the risk of future pandemics”. This unprecedented sanitary crisis highlighted that a healthy environment is essential for human health, and for human societies to flourish. The degradation of the environment by large industries and the tremendous impacts of climate change on vulnerable groups constitute major concerns of the Dominican Family worldwide. The Delegation continued to support the work of Dominicans and partners engaged in these issues throughout the year.



The indigenous community Q'eqchi' fighting against the Oxec projects in Guatemala

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Seeking justice and dignity for abuses committed by sugar giants

The year 2020 marked an important step towards justice and accountability of sugar companies in Dominican Republic and the US. On January 27, 2020, some 24 men, women and children from Dominican Republic started legal proceedings in the Florida district court seeking justice and compensation from Central Romana Corporation Ltd. and its parent Company, Fanjul Corporation, for the illegal and violent eviction from their home in January 2016. Since the beginning, the Delegation has supported the victims in their relentless efforts to seek justice.

“Two dozen families in the Dominican Republic are accusing one of Palm Beach County’s most powerful sugar producers of using thugs to force them from their homes at gunpoint and destroying their houses and their belongings.” - The Palm Beach Post

SNOUTIONS
EVICTIVE



STATEMENTS

The Human Rights Council’s sessions provided good opportunities for the Delegation to deliver key messages on environmental justice. Together with the Geneva Interfaith Forum (GIF) on Climate Change, Environment and Human Rights, the Delegation delivered statements and lobbied States on the importance of establishing a new mandate of a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change. The protection of human rights from the impacts of the intersecting environmental, climate and Covid-19 crises became also an important concern of the Delegation and has been the subject of a series of 3 webinars organized jointly with the GIF in June. Fr. Neil Mitchell OP provided key insights into the panel of the 2nd webinar. Finally, the Delegation participated in the drafting of a declaration for the preparation of the 5th Session of the UN Environmental Assembly in Nairobi.



Denouncing the absence of consultations of indigenous peoples in the context of hydroelectric projects in Guatemala

Oxec is a hydroelectric complex that includes Oxec I and Oxec II (currently in operation) and Oxec III (tender awarded and under construction). Partners in Guatemala found that at no stage of the 3 projects, and at no stage of tendering, construction or operation, did the Government consult with communities in accordance with the requirements of international human rights law and indigenous peoples' traditions. Moreover, the environmental impact studies for each of the implementation processes were not known. Dominicans and their partners supported indigenous communities who strongly opposed these projects, including Bernardo Caal, indigenous leader who has peacefully resisted the imposition of the Oxec I and Oxec II for many years. In 2018, Bernardo has been arbitrarily incarcerated and faces a sentence of more than 7 years of imprisonment. In this context, together with international NGOs, Dominicans for Justice and Peace supported the fight of local partners by ensuring visibility to the case at the UN level through the submission of a report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

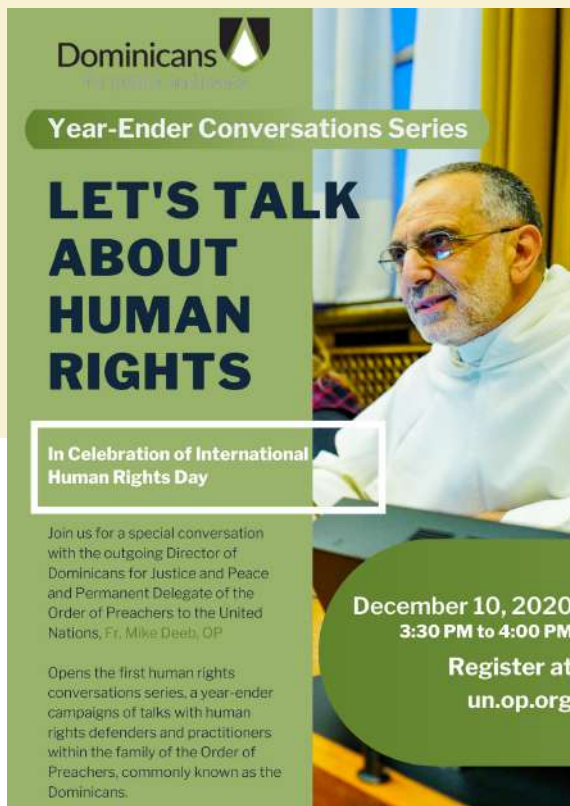
Developing global reflections on justice and peace within Dominican academic institutions



The new academic engagement programme of Dominicans for Justice and Peace was launched despite the limitations brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although it was not possible to programme any events with a physical presence, reflections on a series of ten human rights tensions were initiated, which will be broadcast every two months until mid-2022. Depending on the theme, promoters of justice and peace, regents of studies, teachers, student brothers, lay people, and sisters reacted and shared their comments and inputs. The same variety was found in the mobilisation of geographical regions: Africa, South America, Asia... Actors in the field, involved in justice and peace were more likely to react than those engaged in an academic task. In the framework of the implementation of the last Dominican General Chapter of the Dominican Order, the Master has set up a working group on the "Salamanca process" which is working to link commitment on the ground with intellectual reflection. The coordination of the academic programme is present in this group by right, as it is in the front line of this ambition.

Underscoring the impact of the Covid-19 crisis, virtual events and webinars provided in 2020 the sole opportunities for information-sharing and open discussion. Desirous of not allowing country-level partners involved in various human rights advocacy work to be forgotten, Dominicans for Justice and Peace initiated the Year-end Conversation Series. It provided a forum for sharing of experiences and exchange of ideas on various issues touching the Delegation's focus countries, including the consequences of climate change, nefarious resource exploitation resulting in displacement and abuses and a host of other human rights issues. Exacerbating the situation of the most vulnerable, the Covid pandemic and the subsequent heavy-handed approach of some governments only created increased suffering for the poor. Unwilling to allow human rights issues to be sidelined, the Delegation pursued the conversation series to highlight that despite the pressing challenges of our times, basic human dignity may not be forgotten and that voices of the human rights defenders may be allowed to ring loud and clear.

2020 Year-end Conversations Series



Dominicans
for justice and peace

Year-End Conversation Series

LET'S TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS


In Celebration of International Human Rights Day

Join us for a special conversation with the outgoing Director of Dominicans for Justice and Peace and Permanent Delegate of the Order of Preachers to the United Nations, Fr. Mike Deeb, OP

Opens the first human rights conversations series, a year-end campaign of talks with human rights defenders and practitioners within the family of the Order of Preachers, commonly known as the Dominicans.

**December 10, 2020
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Register at
un.op.org**



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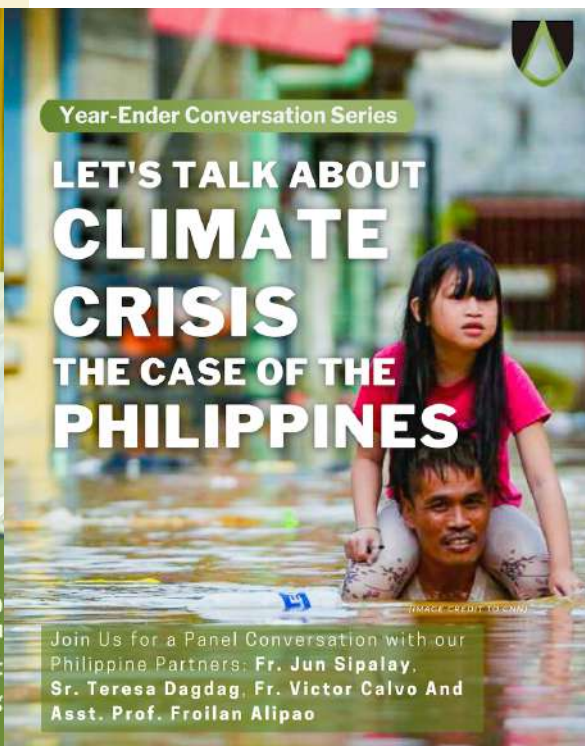
HABLEMOS DE EMPRESAS Y DERECHOS HUMANOS

EL CASO DE DESALOJOS EN REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA

**21 DE DICIEMBRE
3 PM EUROPA CENTRAL |
10 AM REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA
ZOOM.**

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**CONVERSACIÓN CON
FR. MIGUEL ÁNGEL GULLÓN OP**

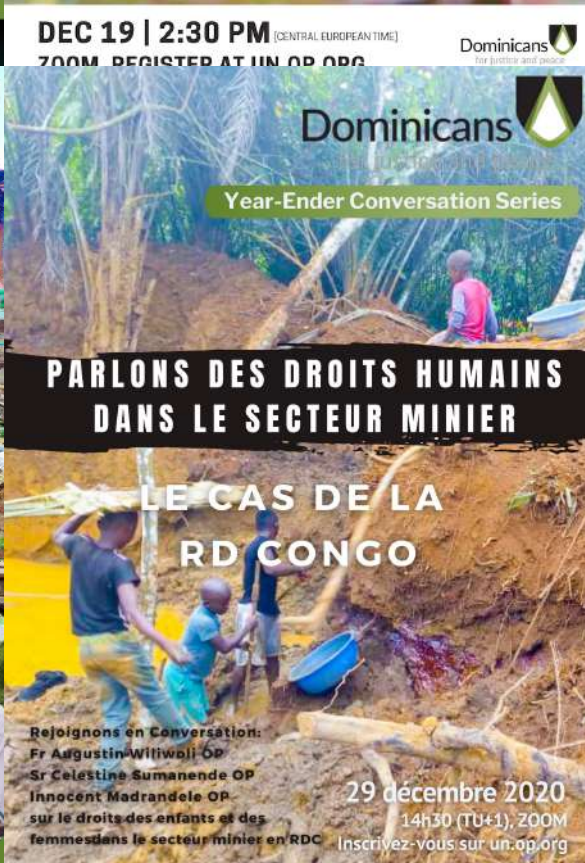


Year-End Conversation Series

LET'S TALK ABOUT CLIMATE CRISIS

THE CASE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Join Us for a Panel Conversation with our Philippine Partners: **Fr. Jun Sipalay, Sr. Teresa Dagdag, Fr. Victor Calvo And Asst. Prof. Froilan Alipao**



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for justice and peace

Year-End Conversation Series

PARLONS DES DROITS HUMAINS DANS LE SECTEUR MINIER

LE CAS DE LA RD CONGO

Rejoignons en Conversation:
**Fr Augustin Wiliwili OP
Sr Celestine Sumanende OP
Innocent Madrandele OP**
sur le droits des enfants et des femmes dans le secteur minier en RDC

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Sr.
Noelle
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“For women, we can undertake a multi-dimensional advocacy with organisms that can take care of them and help them create livelihoods instead of finding themselves in mining areas where they suffer all sorts of violations.”



Fr.
Napoleon
Sipalay,
OP

“This call for climate concern is very important... I hope we can rally all our Dominicans to support us in this endeavor.”

Fr.
Miguel
Angel
Gullón,
OP

“The support of the Dominican Family at the national and international levels has been very important.... The Church is present, and not only the Catholic Church – the various churches – Evangelicals, Pentecostals, Christians – because it is the struggle of all and God is the same for all...”



Asst.
Prof.
Froilan
Alipao

“The Dominican Family should address the challenge of strengthening [Climate Change] programmes in our various institutions and especially among the congregations.”

Fr.
Victor
Calvo, OP

“The first victims of environmental devastations are the poor.”





LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

FEATURED DEFENDERS

Donovan Ortega, International advocacy officer at CDH Vitoria
Sr. Célestine Sumanende, Dominican sister
Fr. Dominique Dossou, Dominican friar
Sr. Teresa Dagdag, Dominican sister

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Donovan

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER IN MEXICO CITY,
MEXICO

How did you get involved in this type of work?

I had always been interested in social causes. I started working for the defense of the rights of children and other vulnerable groups, and that's when I recognized what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. In CDH Vitoria I found a space in which justice is the guide of our actions in the search for other possible worlds.

Being a human rights defender is a way of life, where the most important thing will always be the dignity of people and their rights. I am passionate about building a network for change despite the lack of response and empathy from the authorities, and the stigmatising discourse against civil society organisations and human rights defenders.



2 Célestine

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER IN ISIRO, DRC

What is your greatest achievement and your greatest regret in your work?

Our success in what we do comes from the different training given by Dominicans for Justice and Peace and the synergy work has helped us to make good diagnoses on the causes of the presence of children and women in the mines in the DRC. Our regret is that for the moment, we are just observing the facts and have not yet been able to take concrete action to help these groups to effectively get out of this situation.



3 *Dominique*

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER IN ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

What inspires you to work for social change?

My inspiration to work for social change is based on this biblical word: "you give them something to eat" (Mark 6,37). Indeed, to be well, the world needs change, action to be taken. But sometimes nobody wants to dare. So it is the awareness that the world can only be truly changed by working for it that drives me to work for social change.

4 *Teresa*

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER IN BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES

How did you get involved in ecological education?

Ecological education is our field of work to safeguard the collective human right to a healthy environment. In the Philippines, we have experienced the most disastrous climate tragedy in Leyte in November 2013 causing the death of at least 6,000 persons and destruction of property.

Since 2013, Maryknoll Ecological Sanctuary, Baguio City has initiated an annual Weekly Forum on Climate Change. In 2018 we gave rise to a Climate Change Action Group that organized a city-wide education process for action for schools, churches, and local government representatives. Also lobbied the City Council to pass a resolution to observe an Annual Climate Change Week.

After Covid lockdown, the Dominican Environment Committee organized a series of educational webinars to focus on 'Laudato Si' for ecological education and conversion.



SURVEY 2020: The Results

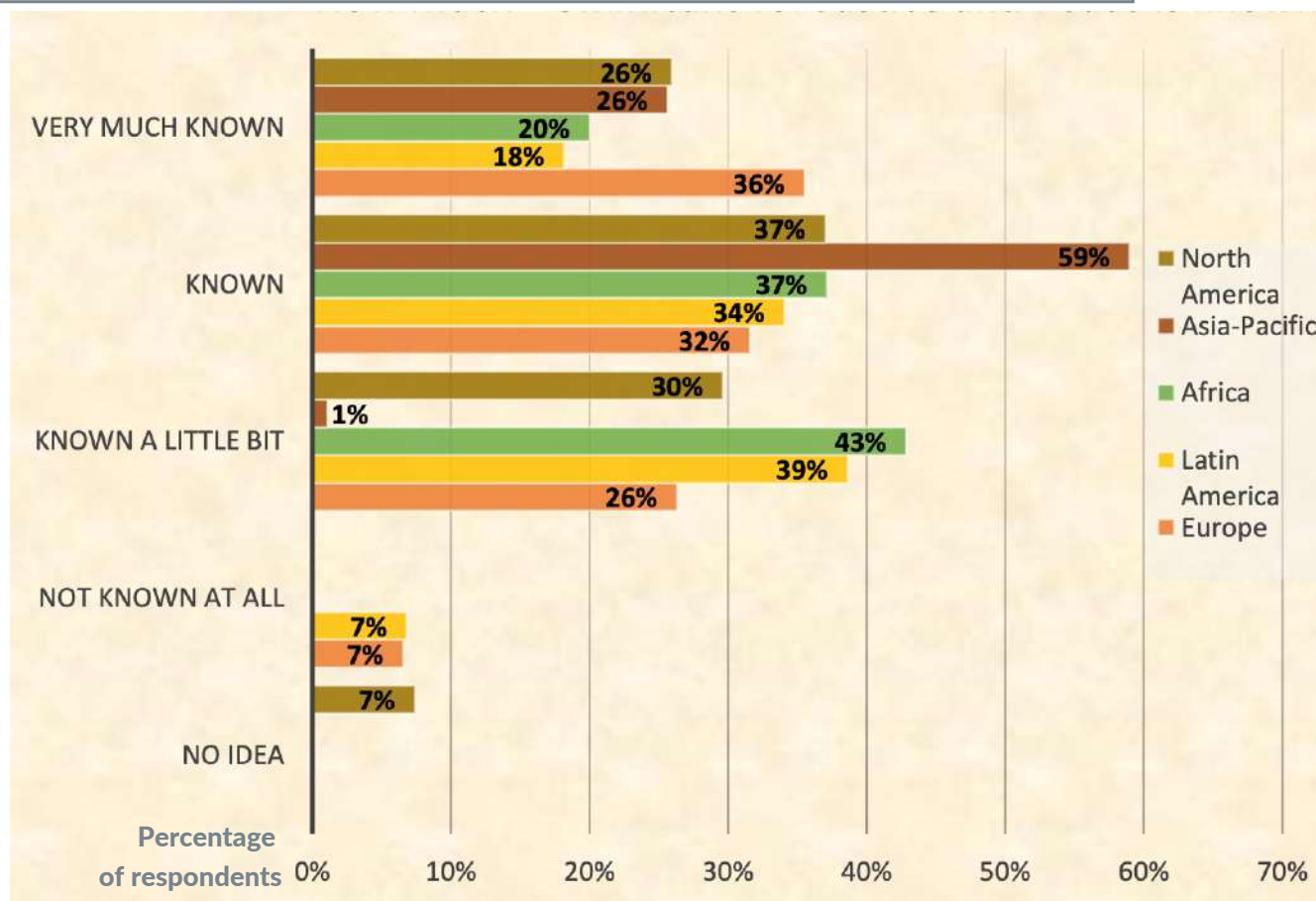
A survey to gauge awareness, orientation and impact of the work of the Delegation was undertaken between August and September 2020 and significant and useful information and advices were gathered from the respondents around the world in view of orienting the activities of the Delegation and increasing visibility.



“Civil society actors feel supported by the international community, thanks to the work of Dominicans for Justice and Peace”

– from the DRC

HOW MUCH IS THE DELEGATION KNOWN GLOBALLY?



"... You have promising experience in human rights training and follow-up of UN recommendations. Could that be your added-value in the faith-based or Catholic network?"

- from Switzerland



I am very glad they are there and visible in international human rights work.

- from Germany



"Because Dominicans for Justice and Peace have been supportive of environment/ecological education as well as education on climate change mitigation and adaptation, this support has enhanced our work for these ministries which are a substantial part of our work." - from the Philippines



Personally, I have felt being accompanied ... We have received the lines of action from the meeting in Salamanca and they have guided us in our work, in the moment of action and the impact on the communities ... - from Venezuela



"I am very happy to hear about the commitment that the order has in Dominicans for Justice and Peace and as a lay Dominican who has dedicated his personal and professional life to these issues, naturally I am very proud that such a project exists."

- from Mexico

"Dominicans for Justice and Peace continue the great tradition of Order - the defense of the rights and dignity of the human person created in the image of God. This is an integral part of preaching. I am delighted the Order of Preachers is focusing on this ministry."

- FROM THE USA

WHAT THEY SAY

Testimonials from our partners

“Dominicans for Justice and Peace and Franciscans International are two faith-based NGOs which consistently raise the voice of the victims and affected communities at the United Nations. We continue to deliver public statements at the UN Human Rights Council on issues such as human rights defenders, climate change, environmental justice and the rights of indigenous peoples. We commend very much the advocacy work of Dominicans for Justice and Peace, as it is very significant for the improvement of human rights.”

**MARKUS HEINZE,
DIRECTOR OF FRANCISCANS
INTERNATIONAL**



— “

Dominicans for Justice and Peace plays a key role in bringing the voice of human rights defenders around the world to the UN table. Our good collaboration in Geneva over the years has allowed for a strong and informed human rights advocacy at the UN, strengthening the work of this global institution.

Emilio Pin Godos, Human Rights
Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Spain
in Geneva

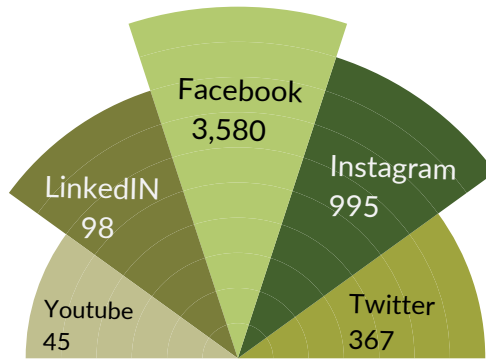
” —

I am extremely grateful, as are the 60 families who have been evicted by Central Romana in 2016, for the great support we received from Dominicans for Justice and Peace, because thanks to this organisation, our cry was known to the world.

Claribel Alvarez, a victim of forced evictions and
human rights defender in El Seybo, Dominican
Republic

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What's Online?



Our Audience Presence



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Followers: 3,580
Growth: 68%
Active since 2011



Twitter

Username: @unopdominicans
Followers: 367
Growth: 68%
Active since 2014



Instagram

Username: @unop_dominicans
Followers: 995
Growth: 77%
Active since 2020



LinkedIn

Username: @unopdominicans
Followers: 98
Growth: 68%
Active since 2020



Youtube

Username: @unopdominicans
Subscribers: 45
Growth: 68%
Active since 2020



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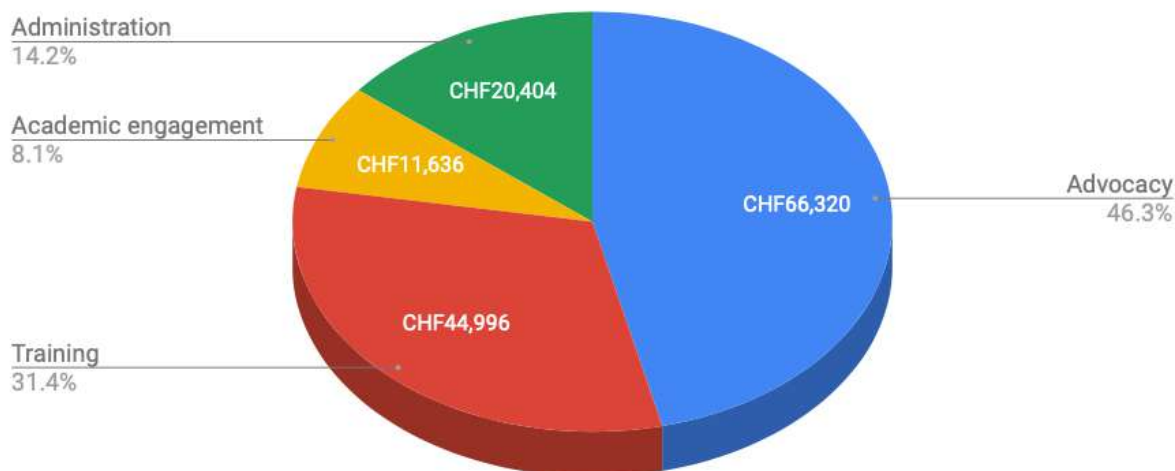
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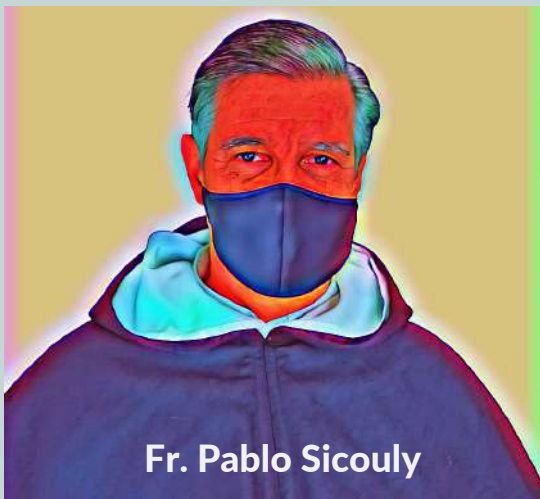
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

	2019	2020
INCOME		
Funding	98,794.45	161,024.55
Interest	181.66	53.20
Total INCOME	98,976.11	161,077.74
EXPENSE PROGRAMMES		
Advocacy	52,647.40	66,320.50
Training	56,187.31	44,995.98
Academic engagement	0.00	11,635.74
Total PROGRAMMES	108,834.71	122,952.21
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	27,184.81	20,404.30
TOTAL EXPENSE	136,019.52	143,356.51
Net Income	(37,043.41)	17,721.23

Expenses 2020



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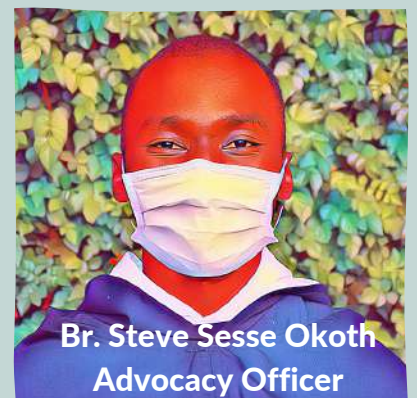
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