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PURPOSE

The world is emerging from an historic health crisis that has exacerbated existing conflicts, poverty, inequalities, polarization, and threats to the environment. While the pandemic led to unprecedented cooperation and heroic responses by many, it also exposed deficits in leadership and emboldened authoritarians, demagogues, and chauvinistic nationalists. Just as the world hopes to move beyond the pandemic, the Russian invasion of Ukraine threatens global peace in ways thought unimaginable when the pandemic began. The challenge to Catholic peacebuilders is clear: we must ensure that the post-pandemic return to “normal” does not look like the pre-pandemic status quo, or worse.

That will require an integral and integrated approach to peace, development and ecology because the cry of war’s victims, the cry of the poor, and the cry of the earth rise as one (Laudato Si’, no. 49). Such an integral approach is especially necessary as the pandemic has made the gulf between zones of peace, prosperity and environmental justice and zones of conflict, deprivation and ecological devastation ever less bridgeable. In a post-pandemic world seeking a peaceful end to a major war in Europe and addressing mass starvation, unprecedented refugee flows, a proliferation of failing and failed states, and seemingly intractable conflicts, human security will have to take priority over a new nuclear arms race, an excessive reliance on force, and other narrow approaches to national security. In a world recovering from the worst global economic downturn since the Great Depression, the focus will have to be on constraining unregulated globalization, gross inequalities, and the surveillance economy in the name of integral human development of the whole person and whole communities. Amidst rising nationalism, extremist populist movements, and political polarization, good governance that serves human dignity and the common good is desperately needed from the village council to the UN. All of that requires that we acknowledge the basic fact that we live in a complex, interdependent world that cannot function without sustained efforts to deepen bonds of solidarity, the glue that allows us to build more effective and just structures of cooperative security.

This conference will convene a wide range of Catholic peacebuilders – Church leaders, scholars, peacebuilding specialists and other practitioners – from around the world. It will allow participants to learn from their rich and diverse experiences in confronting challenges to peace
around the world and help them discern new and creative ways to respond to the historic challenges to peace that we now face.

**Three assumptions animate this conference:**

1. A theology of hope matters. The sheer magnitude of the world’s interconnected crises easily generates denial, indifference, despair, cynicism, and fatalism. The antidote is to combine a sober realism and concrete plans of action with more effective efforts to cultivate a theology, ethics, and spirituality of hope rooted in the conviction that, “[t]he Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge” (Laudato si’, no. 80.).

2. Peacebuilding matters. Seeing issues through a peacebuilding lens (as opposed, for example, to a purely human rights, ecological, or development lens) makes a difference in what is done as well as in outcomes.

3. Catholic peacebuilding matters. The world’s crises require concerted action by all of humanity and Catholic peacebuilding shares much in common with Lutheran, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, and secular peacebuilding. But the Catholic community brings something distinctive to the peacebuilding enterprise and its capacity to do so could and should be strengthened by grounding it more deeply in an understanding of theology and ethics, as well as “promising practices” derived from decades of peacebuilding experience in diverse conflict contexts.

Inspired by Fratelli tutti, this conference will explore how, drawing on Catholic social teaching, the Church’s institutional networks, and its people power, the Catholic community can offer a vision, a call to action, and bold and imaginative proposals to transform the current crisis into an opportunity to help build a post-pandemic world that is far more in keeping with a Catholic vision of integral peace, integral human development, and integral ecology. More specifically, the conference will:

1. Deepen understanding of the diverse ways in which official Catholic teaching on peacebuilding is lived in a wide variety of conflict contexts, as well as lessons learned and promising practices that can inform and benefit from deeper theological and ethical reflection.
2. Develop a future agenda for theology, ethics, and pastoral engagement that is adequate to the enormity of the challenges we face.

3. Strengthen the vocation of peacebuilding as integral to the life and mission of the Catholic community and as a growing edge for Catholic social teaching and action.

4. Consider the extent to which Catholic beliefs, norms, rituals, and practices offer a distinctive contribution to the wider theory and practice of peacebuilding, as well as ways in which Catholic peacebuilding can learn from other religious and secular approaches.

5. Continue to develop a conceptually coherent, theologically accurate, spiritually enlivening, and practically effective approach to Catholic peacebuilding that can begin to match the sophistication of Catholic thinking on the ethics of war and peace.

**SCHEDULE**

- Plenary sessions will be in English with simultaneous translation in French and Spanish.

- Breakout sessions will be in either English, French, or Spanish. Select sessions will be available with simultaneous translation.

- Plenary and breakout sessions will be recorded and made available after the conference.

- All times are listed in EDT (Time Zone Map).

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Monday, June 20

09:00-10:30  **Plenary 1: Hope in Times of Crisis**

*The world is confronted with daunting crises: the pandemic and climate change; inequalities and refugees; failed states and the resurgence of authoritarianism; and new and old conflicts that threaten whole populations and international stability. The sheer magnitude of the world's interconnected crises can lead to denial, indifference, despair, and fatalism. Countless artisans of peace around the world offer an antidote: concrete and sustained social action grounded in a theology, ethics, and spirituality of hope.*

Introduction:  **Gerard F. Powers**, Catholic Peacebuilding Network

Welcome:  **Archbishop Luis José Rueda Aparicio** (Bogotá), Episcopal Conference of Colombia

Presenter:  **Cardinal Charles Bo, SDB** (Yangon), Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences

Respondents:  **R. Scott Appleby**, University of Notre Dame

**Marguerite Barankitse**, Maison Shalom

13:00-14:00  **Breakouts**

1. **Truth as a Foundation for Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (in English with simultaneous translation)**

*For transitional justice to be effective, and for post-conflict reconciliation to be sustainable, truth must be at the foundation. Human rights violations, crimes, and atrocities must be recognized before healing can occur and peace be established. The Catholic Church often plays a key role in truth and reconciliation commissions, human rights bodies, and other processes that further transitional justice and reconciliation. This panel will provide insights on some of those experiences and examine some lessons learned for how Catholic peacebuilders can be better future advocates for truth and reconciliation.*

Moderator:  **Daniel Philpott**, University of Notre Dame

Panelists:  **Maka Black Elk**, Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, SD

**Rev. Francisco de Roux, SJ**, Colombian Truth Commission

**Lucia González**, Colombian Truth Commission

**Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah** (Sokoto), former member Nigerian Investigation Commission of Human Rights Violations

2. Culture First: Shaping a Culture of Peacebuilding through Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition (in English)

The basis for our common hopes for a more peaceful world is not merely more effective policies to enhance security or strategies to foster disarmament, but more fundamentally the “disarming of hearts” worldwide. This discussion forum invites brief spoken contributions that will explore such themes as: 1) the motif of “conversion to peacemaking”; 2) the healing and renewal of human cultures, encompassing both institutional manifestations and personal aspects; and 3) the role of the arts in inspiring a renewed Catholic spirituality of peacebuilding.

Moderator:  
David Gibson, Fordham University
Meghan J. Clark, St John’s University
Rev. Thomas Massaro, SJ, Fordham University

20:00-21:00 Breakouts

1. Building Links in Times of Crisis with 3B/4D, a Social Cohesion Tool (in English)

This session will introduce Catholic Relief Services’ signature 3B/4D methodology for strengthening social cohesion. By combining the 3Bs – personal Binding, intragroup Bonding, intergroup Bridging – with the 4Ds of Appreciative Inquiry – Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver – 3B/4Ds processes lead participants to launch their collective journey of transformation.

Jean-Baptiste Talla, Catholic Relief Services

2. Environmental Peacebuilding (in Spanish with simultaneous translation)

The threats of global climate change and its myriad impacts present major new problems for peace and security. In response, peacebuilding must become truly integral. This panel will present the ways in which it must do so and describe how ecology is a necessary dimension of peacebuilding.

Moderator:  
María Lucía Zapata, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Panelists:  
José Bayardo Chata Pacoricona, Derechos Humanos y Medio Ambiente Puno
Pablo Lumerman, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
Pablo Ramos, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
Tuesday, June 21

07:00-08:00  **Breakouts**

1. **Women’s Peace Leadership (in English with simultaneous translation)**
   Women’s leadership is key to durable peace. This panel will examine women’s peacebuilding leadership within the worldwide Catholic community.

2. **Building Links in Times of Crisis with 3B/4D, a Social Cohesion Tool (in French)**
   This session will introduce the Catholic Relief Services 3B/4D methodology which strengthens social cohesion. Blending personal bonding, intragroup bonding, and cross-group bonding—with admiring inquiry—discovering, dreaming, designing, and delivering—these processes guide participants on their collective journey of transformation.
   
   **John Katunga**, Catholic Relief Services

09:00-10:30  **Plenary 2: Ethics of Nonviolence, Peacebuilding, and War:**
**Future Challenges**

*In Fratelli Tutti and other documents, Pope Francis has brought renewed attention to and debate about the ethics of nonviolence, peacebuilding, and war.*

*In light of the encyclical and recent developments, from Ukraine and Afghanistan to Syria and Ethiopia, this moderated discussion will consider the current state of the debate and future directions for Catholic teaching and action on war, nonviolence and peace.*

**Moderator:**  **Lisa Sowle Cahill**, Boston College

**Panelists:**  **Pat Gaffney**, Pax Christi United Kingdom

   **Robert Latiff**, University of Notre Dame

   **A. Rashied Omar**, University of Notre Dame

   **Alessio Pecorario**, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Holy See

   **Pavlo Smytsnyuk**, Ukrainian Catholic University
13:00-14:00  **Breakouts**

1. **The Catholic Church and Global Governance (in English with simultaneous translation)**
   
   Recent years have seen a significant spike in authoritarians, demagogues, and chauvinistic nationalists, posing a significant threat to the post-World War II democratic international order. At the same time, international institutions have been called upon to push back against this growing threat. What role can and should the Catholic Church play in this crisis? What are its limits and possibilities? And how might the Catholic community complement the development and peacebuilding efforts of international institutions in order to best leverage the distinct strengths of both?

   **Moderator:**  Katherine Marshall, Georgetown University  
   **Panelists:**  Aldo Caliari, Jubilee USA  
   José Casanova, Georgetown University  
   Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA  
   Maryann Cusimano Love, Catholic University of America

2. **Promoting Peace and Reconciliation with Jesuit Refugee Service in Northern Uganda (in English)**
   
   This presentation will describe the context, goals, and structure of a JRS sponsored reconciliation workshop among South Sudanese refugees and members of their Uganda host communities. Topics include identity formation, sharing narratives, dealing with anger constructively, and promoting resilience and hope.

   **Moderator:**  Stephen Pope, Boston College  
   Claudine Nana, Jesuit Refugee Service  
   Diana Rueda, Jesuit Refugee Service  
   Neto Valiente, Boston College
3. **Understanding conflict: Education, Institutions, and Peacebuilding**  
(in French)

This discussion session will address the importance and challenges of peace education. Hosted by the Research Group on Peace Studies of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, this session will discuss how to incorporate a peace and conflict studies lens into peace education. The session focuses on three themes important to shaping a new generation of peace artisans: understanding conflict, ethics and institutions, and peacebuilding.

**Moderator:** Hélène Tessier, Saint Paul University  
François Mabille, International Federation of Catholic Universities  
Rev. Dieudonné Musangaya, Université Catholique de Bukavu  
Jean-François Rioux, Saint Paul University

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**Wednesday, June 22**

09:00-10:30 **Plenary 3: Catholic Church and Peace Processes**

Across the world, the Catholic community has been centrally involved in multiple facets and phases of formal peace processes. This roundtable discussion will bring together perspectives from Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and the Philippines. Discussants will address ways in which the Catholic Church brings distinct strengths to these processes, and ways in which it can adapt to emerging challenges and new contexts to become an ever more effective agent of peace.

**Moderator:** Susan Page, University of Michigan  
**Discussants:** Josefina Echavarría Álvarez, University of Notre Dame  
Rev. Héctor Fabio Henao, Episcopal Conference of Colombia  
Paolo Impagliazzo, Community of Sant’Egidio  
Myla Leguro, Catholic Relief Services  
Bishop Jean-Bertin Nadonye Ndongo, OFM Cap (Lolo), National Episcopal Conference of the Congo Justice and Peace Commission
13:00-14:00 Breakouts

1. Refugees, Migrants, and Peace (in English with simultaneous translation)

Conflicts and climate change are causing large-scale movements and forced displacement of peoples across the world. This panel will analyze the causes of this movement, articulate the most pressing challenges that it poses, and consider why peacebuilding is a necessary element of the needed response.

Moderator: **Amparo Alonso**, Caritas Internationalis

2. A Critical Assessment of Catholic Social Teaching Through the Lens of Peacebuilding (in English)

Catholic Social Teaching is a robust tradition of ethical reflection that offers a great deal of resources to support Catholic peacebuilding. This panel will cast a critical eye on Catholic Social Teaching and consider ways in which it could develop to better support emerging challenges of peacebuilding.

Moderator: **Maria Power**, University of Oxford

Panelists: **Anna Blackman**, University of Glasgow

**Marites Guingona-Africa**, The Peacemakers’ Circle Foundation, Inc.

**Léocadie Lushombo**, IT, Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University

15:30-16:30 Peacebuilding and Philanthropy (in English)

Representatives from philanthropic organizations will be on hand to discuss how peacebuilding work can be framed to fit with the goals and priorities of grant-giving agencies and other ways in which peacebuilding can connect with the philanthropic world.


Discussants: **Alexandra Toma**, Peace and Security Funders Group

**Kerry Medek**, GHR Foundation

**Maria Robinson**, Raskob Foundation and FADICA
20:00-21:00 **Breakouts**

1. **Walking Towards Peace: Generating Synergies at the Regional Level**  
   *(in Spanish)*
   
   *In contexts where neighboring countries share connected challenges, such as violence by non-state actors or ecological degradation, regional peacebuilding has emerged as an effective approach. Representatives from regional peacebuilding initiatives will share their experiences with and strategies for working at this distinct scale.*

   **Moderator:** Isabel Aguilar Umaña, Catholic Relief Services  
   **Panelists:** Francisco Hernández, Secretariado Latinoamericano y del Caribe Cáritas  
   Rev. Rafael Castillo, Cáritas Colombiana  
   Felipe de Jesús Lezama Juárez, El Centro de Investigación y Acción Social – Jesuitas por la Paz  
   Nery Rodenas, Oficina de Derechos Humanos del Arzobispado de Guatemala  
   Cecilia Suárez, Catholic Relief Services

2. **Nonviolence: An Essential Basis for Peacebuilding**  
   *(in English)*
   
   *The war in Ukraine has demonstrated the power, potential effectiveness and urgent need to further develop nonviolent strategies for preventing war, interrupting violence and protecting vulnerable communities. The Church could make a tremendous contribution to just peace by investing its significant moral, educational, financial, research and advocacy capacity in promoting a deeper understanding of and commitment to nonviolence as an essential basis for illuminating human dignity and building peace.*

   **Rose Berger**, Sojourners Magazine  
   **Loreta Castro**, Miriam College  
   **Dan Moriarty**, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Thursday, June 23

07:00-08:00  **Regional Peacebuilding (in French)**

*In contexts where neighboring countries share related challenges, such as violence by non-state actors or ecological degradation, regional peacebuilding has emerged as a necessary and effective approach. This workshop will focus on two regional conflicts, the fighting in the Great Lakes region of Central Africa and the conflict in the Sahel of West Africa. Representatives of regional peacebuilding initiatives will share experiences and strategies for working at this distinct scale.*

Moderator:  **Stephen Hilbert**, USCCB Office of International Justice and Peace

Panelists:  **Rev. Emmanuel Ntakarutimana, OP**, Centre Ubuntu  
**Rev. Rigboert Minani, SJ**, Centre d'Etude Pour l'Action Sociale  
**Rev. Dieudonné Musanganya**, Université Catholique de Bukavu

09:00-10:30  **Plenary 4: Climate, Development, and Peace**

*As Pope Francis emphasized in Laudato Si’, “everything is connected.” The Church’s long-standing work to connect integral human development, integral peace, and integral ecology is all the more urgent given the existential threat posed by climate change. This panel examines how the Church is responding to these complex dynamics.*

Principal Presenter:  **Sr. Alessandra Smerilli, FMA**, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Holy See

Presenters:  **Aloysius John**, Caritas Internationalis  
**Erin Lothes**, Saint Elizabeth University; *Laudato Si’ Movement*  
**Katherine Marshall**, Georgetown University  
**Joseph Muyango**, Catholic Relief Services
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