



Dominican Month of Peace Week 1 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15

DOMINICANS IN THE PROMOTION AND DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

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As we embark on this new stage of our history, we ask forgiveness for our many omissions, attitudes and actions against human rights, that have prevented the Good News being spread. We rely on the grace of God and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that, inspired only by the compassion of Jesus, we may become messengers of Truth and our preaching may bring hope to the millions of victims of violations of human rights and of the Earth that are crying out for Good News and for a new future.

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We share between the lines, as if in a whisper, part of the feelings of a nation forced to disperse and leave the geographic borders of its home. Maiquetía, February 2019.

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There are many faces that show the passing of the years, a number of wheelchairs with people who can still walk, humble and emaciated bodies and faces

Let us see a glimpse of fear, of sadness but there they go, waiting to board, perhaps only hope and the promise of a profound joy when they will be reunited, in an embrace, with their children who, with sacrifice, have searched for the tickets for their parents

They are humble faces, and they also show the sorrow for their country, the place from which they do not want to depart and where they soon wish to return. And they have not yet departed. Whenother latitudes welcome them, day after day, this desire will be intensified.

And great is the sorrow of seeing their homeland collapse, when today, their bodies depart.

Soon they will know that the love for their children made them go far away, and the sorrow of love for not having them will continue, because the love for the homeland and missing it each and every moment, is not less than the love for their children when they are far away.

May our attempt to share the pain of our wound, not show us hopeless about the future, although it

seems that everything has stopped, dreams and yearnings for freedom, of this country, do not stop.

"We dream of a country of opportunities".

- "I dream of being able to return to university."
- "I dream of my children returning to Venezuela".
- "I dream of a country where there is access to justice".
- "I dream of a peaceful country."
- "I dream of a country in democracy".

Welcome to The Dominican Month for Peace, Venezuela, 2021. Justice and Peace OP Venezuela Dominican Family







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