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# NEWSLETTER

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In these days before Christmas, from the IFCA, we would like to send you a warm greeting full of closeness and concern for each one of you. We are aware of the different realities that we live in our places of origin, but we know that we share the same mission, to proclaim Jesus Christ and make his Kingdom a reality in this world.

We need, today more than ever, to make a living experience of synodality in our parishes and dioceses in order to become a 'social prophecy' for our society 'inspiring new ways also for politics and economy, collaborating with all those who believe in fraternity and peace in an exchange of gifts with the world' (final document of the Synod n.153).

On the threshold of the Jubilee, we desire that the Child who comes to meet us again may fill our hearts with his love and tenderness and, as Pope Francis requests: 'Let us allow ourselves to be attracted from now on by hope and allow it to be contagious through us to all those who desire it'.

To all the great family of Catholic Action we wish you a joyful Christmas and a year 2025 filled with the commitment to constantly struggle to achieve peace in so many homes and places in the world. Let us enjoy these days in the company of our family and friends, remembering and constantly praying for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

***Joyful Christmas to all!!!***

**Eva Fernández Mateo** - *Coordinator of the Secretariat*

**+ Eduardo García** - *Ecclesiastical Assistant*



## JUBILEE 2025

[Spes non confundit  
Calendar](#)

### FIAC/IFCA Events

7-8 June: Jubilee of Associations and Movements

8 June afternoon: ONE MINUTE FOR PEACE - International Conference in preparation in Rome

3 August: Canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati during the Youth Jubilee



## 8 JANUARY 2025

**At least one minute for peace  
on the way to fraternity**

Every day of the month and especially on the 8th



**In the company of  
Saint Paul VI**

*Let us pray for peace  
with the message by  
Pope Francis  
on 1 January 2025*

**Towards 8 June 2025. Year of the Jubilee**

***"Let us not stop dreaming of peace and building relationships of peace!"***

***In prayer with Mary Queen of the Human Family, Queen of Peace***

**On Wednesday 8 JANUARY**

**AT LEAST ONE MINUTE FOR PEACE.\***

In the company of Saint Paul VI who promoted the World Day of Peace in 1968

Let us pray for peace with the message by Pope Francis on 1 January 2025



**On Thursday 9 JANUARY 2025 5pm-7pm Rome.  
FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES: GRANT US YOUR PEACE**

Study Conference on the occasion of Pope Francis' Message for the LVIII World Day of Peace (1 January 2025) and the presentation of the campaign 'Changing Course. Transforming Debt into Hope'.

**Rome and on line, 9 January 2025 at 5pm – 7pm CEST**

To follow the conference live with simultaneous translation into English and Spanish, **registration is required.**

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**After the 2 December online meeting: THE SYNOD CONTINUES [Link to site with available materials](#)**

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**\*AT LEAST ONE MINUTE FOR PEACE ON THE WAY TO FRATERNITY (Agenda)**

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**LATEST NEWS (from the countries and on the activities of the IFCA)**

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*May 2025 be a year in which peace flourishes! A true and lasting peace that goes beyond quibbling over the details of agreements and human compromises. May we seek the true peace that is granted by God to hearts disarmed: hearts not set on calculating what is mine and what is yours; hearts that turn selfishness into readiness to reach out to others; hearts that see themselves as indebted to God and thus prepared to forgive the debts that oppress others; hearts that replace anxiety about the future with the hope that every individual can be a resource for the building of a better world.*

**from Pope Francis' Message for the LVIII World Day of Peace 1 January 2025**



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