Promoting Peace in Ourselves and the World



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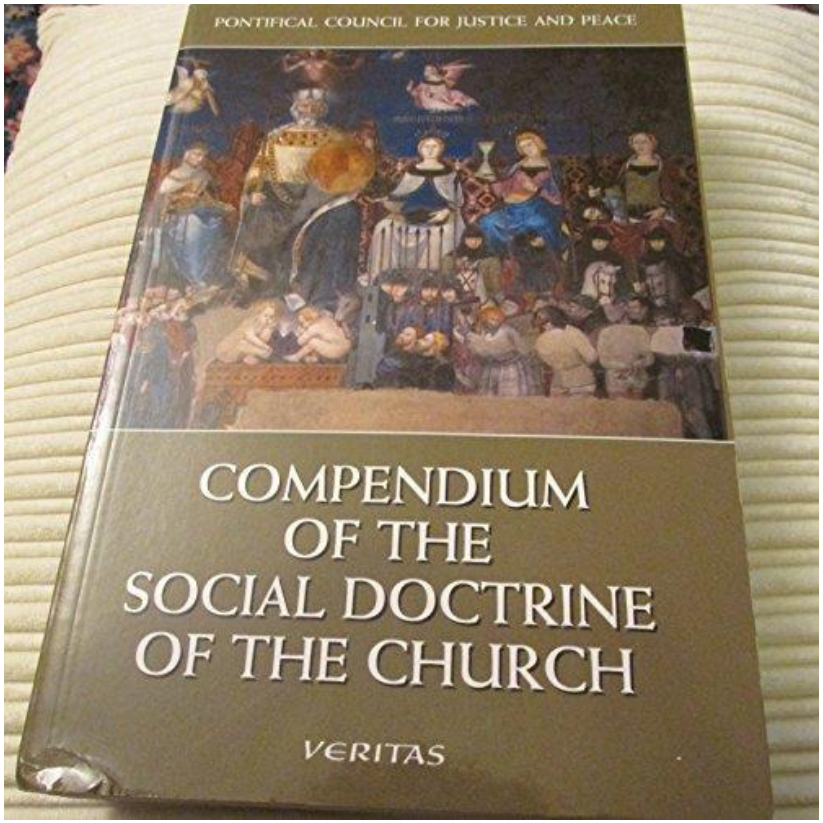




Pope Paul VI
Peace Message 1972

If you want peace,
Work for justice

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church 2004



Compendium quotes

"man is not given all that is due to him as a human person, when his dignity is not respected and when civil life is not directed towards the common good" par. 494

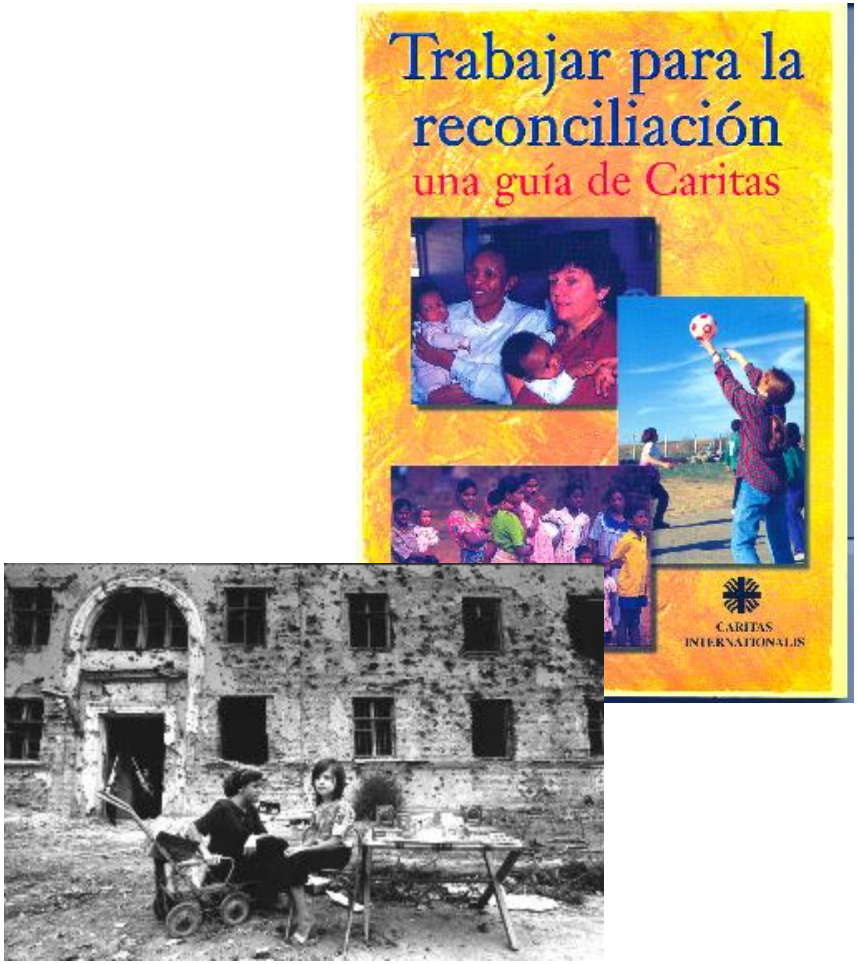
Need to promote "the integral development of individuals, peoples and nations". par. 494

One million refugees in camps in neighbouring Goma (DRC)

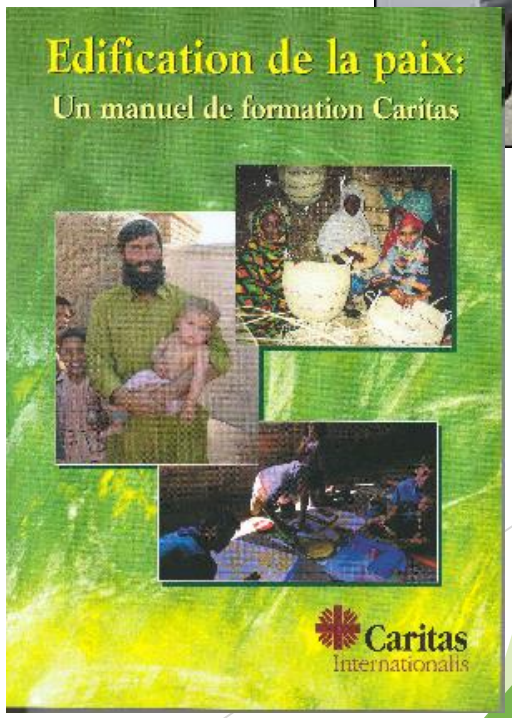


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Peace-building and Reconciliation







Reconciliation: making space

- Physical space
- Social space
- Internal space
- Free from harm
- Can speak freely and talk together about the future
- Traumatised person is free of burdens of the past

Tsunami in Sri Lanka



War in Croatia



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Reconciliation in Palestine



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If this task of building a peaceful world is the most important task of our time, it is also the most difficult. It will, in fact, require far more discipline, more sacrifice, more planning, more thought, more cooperation and more heroism than ever war demanded



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Bam Earthquake and Reconciliation







“I want to see what inspires you to respect and love us so much”.