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News

Social task: We detail you the tasks we have carried out during the months of September and October in the center of social, pastoral and missionary attention that we recently opened in Sabiñánigo (Huesca):



in this geographical area, for the glory of God: help us with contributions of clothing, food, money... and also toys, for the Christmas campaign.

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- Weekly purchase baskets delivered: 43
- Pieces of clothing collected: 368
- Pieces of clothing delivered: 105
- Individual meals/restaurant to passers-by: 5
- Children's refresher classes: 92
- Spanish classes for immigrant foreigners: 11
- Children's birthday parties: 2
- Hospital visits: 9
- Prayer evenings: 7
- Worship on request: 2
- Self-help group: 1 (recently to start)
- Biblical studies: 2 (recently to start)
- Children's cinema sessions: 3 (recently to start)

We need resources to move forward and continue growing up, as an evangelical witness



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JUSTICE IS FINE, IF INJUSTICE IS FAR AWAY.

We already have the motto that will illuminate the next Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) organized jointly by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the Unity of Christians and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue." (Dt 16: 18b). And I thought it opportune to advance the reflection on the theme of this WPCU that we will celebrate next January, because I just believe that the deeper meaning of the Incarnation that we will remember in the coming weeks with Christmas, is precisely the great divine act of Justice: restitution of the poor, oppressed, persecuted, weak, sinners. God the Father revealed his justice for the History of Salvation of the human being, in the Incarnation of God the Son: Christ justified us spiritually but also carnally. Therefore, I do not understand a theology that is not liberation and rescue of the human being on both levels, nor do I understand that the Church of Christ is not a constant 'prophetic denunciation' in front of that in the world is the fruit of sin: injustice, suffering, pain, death.

Many sociologists and psychologists affirm that we are more supportive and more inclined to see and denounce injustices when its are farther from us: for example, we open television news with the information of children trapped in a cave in Thailand, and we close our eyes and seaports to refugees from the Mediterranean. Justice is fine, if injustice is far away.

Today and here, although I know that it will bring me problems, I can not stop denouncing what I consider a scandalous silence of the ecclesiastical institutions of Spain. In recent months, it has been shown to the public light that this State allegedly has judges and prosecutors from its high courts who practiced sexual tourism with minors in Colombia; that has courts that in fact absolve rapists in herd; that has had a Head of State who allegedly has conducted scandalous business and out of fiscal control; that the government party of recent years has allegedly created a network of corruption and pillaged the public coffers; which is the second country in the world (after Cambodia) in the largest number of mass graves with political executions; that to this day it is the State with the most imputed and persecuted artists for the use of freedom of expression in their creations (even ahead of China); that it is a member of NATO that allegedly sells weapons to jihadist terrorists; that has been included by Amnesty International as a state that violates human rights in Catalonia and that - as the report defines it- maintains political prisoners in prisons... But also that the powers of that State have been strengthened and enriched (banking, electricity, construction, oil...) while "has impoverished poverty" of its population, reaching 25% of the total population according to the report of Caritas.

Does not anyone have anything to say about it? The Spanish Episcopal Conference (CEE) does not seem to say anything, because maybe the CEE is also State. But the Federation of Evangelical Religious Entities of Spain (FEREDE) either, because maybe the FEREDE also wants to be State. Well, if ecumenical work has any meaning,

it is precisely that grassroots Christians work together in those areas where hierarchies fail scandalously, in those issues that should be transversal to any denomination or confession: injustice, be it political, economic, social, gender and patriarchal... And when the ecclesial institutions are silent in the face of injustice, it is the ordinary Christian who has to assume those tasks that are proper to the Church of Christ: prophetic denunciation, even if it costs us our life.



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Paul said:

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Ga 1:10