**For a Theology of Peace Today**

I begin my presentation with some definitions of the concept which I try to talk about: peace.

In the first part I wonder about the spiritual and moral mechanism that leads to a peaceful life at the personal/individual level of existence. Here I try to develop shortly three concepts: the reconciliation with yourself, the inner nonviolence and the objection of conscience. The main idea you can find in this part is my conviction that nobody could be a peacemaker if its inner life is marked by different kind of conflicts, intransigence, fury, impatience. To give some keys for a change of the human being from neutral regarding the peace to an international peace is the first goal of my paper.

The second part is focused on the structural and institutional level of achieving the peace in our world today. My point of view is global or general, but the problems which I describe are local in a sense that the politicians and governments living in countries involved in wars have to find a local strategy to implement them. This time I discuss three causes that feed wars and international military conflicts all around the world: the absence of intergenerational dialogue, the lack of culture of peace in education and the disrespect of the human dignity.

I am inspired by three peacemakers’ lessons of peace: Gandhi, Giorgio La Pira, St. John Paul II and Pope Francis. They succeed to unite words and actions, therefore the messages of peace proposed by them are still actual.

In conclusion, the theology of peace has an important mission today, i.e., to help the building of a sustainable peace today arguing that the Latin saying *si vis pacem para bellum* could be changed in *si vis pacem para pacem*.

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