JUSTICE AND PEACE O. P. VENEZUELA - JUNE 2018 – JUNE 2019 PROJECT

MISSION: To promote justice and peace from the Dominican Family through a process of communication, education and action so that we all assume an attitude of attention, care and defence of the dignity of individuals from the Christian perspective.

VISION: To be promoters of justice and peace in our daily work from the faith and the encounter with Jesus Christ, involved in a fully human, free and dignified life.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: For all the members of the Dominican Family, assume the promotion of justice and peace as a part of our life and preaching of the Gospel, in each of our works in Venezuela, through witness, prayer and punctual daily action, in the pursuit to be supportive communities.

PILAR OF THE PROJECT

1- Promotion and training

Justice and peace are generally desired by all, but they are not going to occur spontaneously just because they are desired by the majorities. The realization of justice and peace depends very much on a work of promotion and training.

2- Communication

Communication within the whole Dominican Family is a key factor when talking about the struggle for justice and peace. A good communication allows the effectiveness of the objectives because it boosts the participation of team members and guarantees in turn the right channels for information, training and promotion.

3- Self-management and administration

To carry out any activity, a minimum of financial resources is required. Given the difficult economic reality of the country and our communities, it is advisable to do a work project with an approximate budget, for short periods or by activity. Hyperinflation makes budgets uncertain and unstable.

4- Social Work

The social work aims at very specific needs, generally produced by social injustice. Thus, it is important to identify the work that is being carried on, to get to know it, in order to discuss and think about the causes of the situations, as well as the responses expected for the solution of the problem. This allows opening possible support to such work.

Precisely, we propose to develop the social work that is being done by the Dominican Family in Venezuela.
With our social work we aim at:

1- Looking after the people’s immediate basic needs and support the most vulnerable.

2- Generating social change through education and the different activities developed by our various missions.

3- Bring the Word of God through the Works and through preaching. So as to stimulate awareness of His presence among us, inviting us to live a life that is more human, full of His Spirit, to live in a filial relation with God, our Father, and in fraternity among ourselves, as His Children, in Jesus of Nazareth.

Good deeds are self-explanatory about God’s Grace towards us, but it is necessary to do them along with prayer and explicit preaching about God’s presence among us, because it is our fundamental mission, which has not only been commended to us but also is what people expect from us.

SOCIAL MISSIONS

The Dominican Family has developed different missions that are actively looking after the most urgent needs of the people and assisting the most vulnerable. The missions generate change by means of education and social work.

Among the different missions we may highlight the following:

1- “Fundación San Martin de Porres”. Merida (Dominican Sisters of Saint Rose of Lima).

The mission of the Foundation is to evangelize the poor, those who live in extreme poverty; many are homeless and in need of refuge, support, attention and food. They require mercy, they are welcomed and evangelized, healed and provided with hygiene supplies and food, and, in many cases, people who are addicted to any vice and accept being guided are reformed and reinserted in society. Nowadays, the Foundation serves 95 seniors, 12 mothers and their 20 children.

In 2019 the facilities have been closed temporarily because of deterioration and they have become a risk for the patients. The seniors have been redirected to “Hospicio San Juan de Dios” until the structure is restored.

2- “Casa de la Misericordia” [House of Mercy]. Maracaibo (Dominican Sisters of the Presentation)

The House of Mercy is a non-profit institution that provides integral help to people in need, respecting the human dignity and expressing the love of God through the Works of Mercy. In the
present days, the House of Mercy serves with medical assistance and provides medicines when they have; they support the ill and organize moments of prayer and healing.

3-“Hilvanando vidas con pespunte de valores” [Tacking lives with backstitches of moral values]. Las Mayas, Caracas (Dominican Sisters of the Holy Family)

They carry out a project of dressmaking for poor people and training for sowing entrepreneurs. They have a store where people can donate clothing. The pieces are sold at reasonable prices and the money is directed to other social projects. The project is carried out within a Vicarage in a poor neighbourhood, where they also offer some medical services lending equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, etc., with the condition of bringing them back when the patients do not need it anymore.

4-“Centro Social y Pastoral San Martín de P.” [Saint Martin de Porres Social and Pastoral Center] Barquisimeto (Dominican Sisters of the Holy Family)

The Centre includes the following programs: The Work Training Educational Centre (CECAL, in Spanish); Faith and Joy (Fe y Alegría), a program for supporting handicap youth; “Arte y Vida” (Art and Life) Music School; Catechesis for First Communion and Confirmation; Youth Group “Antorchas de la Verdad” (Torches of Truth); Pre-youth Group “Semillas de la Verdad” (Seeds of Truth); Kids Club “Estrellas de la Verdad” (Stars of Truth); Basic Ecclesiastical Communities (CEBS, in Spanish), as well as the Breakfast and Snacks Program. Approximately, 320 persons are served by the programs.

5-“Casa misión San Martin de Porres” [Saint Martin de Porres House of Mission]. Miranda (Dominican Sisters of Santo Domingo de Granada).

The Solidary Pot is the humanitarian response to the misery of our people, our starving brothers and sisters, suffering because of infinite causes. They are big families living in extreme poverty in San José de Barlovento.


These lodges take seniors in, some of them cannot be taken care of by their families and stay at the lodge; others have no families and depend completely on the lodge that admits them. The lodges serve 38 men, 80 women and 20 Dominican sisters.

Today it needs repairs in its structure. “Hospicio San Juan de Dios” requested an immediate transfer of the senior patients to the facilities of San martin de Porres Mission. Therefore, we are promoting a solidarity campaign to help the Dominican Sisters of Saint Rose of Lima with a project for the mission.

This is an intercongregational mission that offers basic help for hygiene, food and medical assistance to men homeless boys and men, three days a week.

Those who want to rehabilitate and get back to the society are welcomed and received permanently by a rehabilitation program until they are reinserted in the society and their families.

Through Justice & Peace Venezuela O.P., the Dominican Family wants to collaborate with the mission organizing field trips with the patients at a budget-friendly regularity. This kind of activity strengthens the rehabilitation program.

The number of people served in a week goes from 40 to 60 and there are about 15 residents.

**ACTIVITIES PER WORK COMMITTEE**

**ADMINISTRATION AND SELF-MANAGEMENT**

1- Request the possible internal and external collaborators using the application form (internal are those who belong to the Dominican Family; external are those who do not belong to the Dominican Family).

2- Ask the members of the Dominican Family about the support they can give for the activities we do. Use the correspondent form.

3- Elaborate an inventory of spaces and resources available.

4- Create a list of collaborators and a plan of visits per state.

5- Visit the external collaborators starting in Caracas.

6- Schedule the fundraising for Justice & Peace Association in Venezuela during the Dominican Month for Peace.

7- Ask the Dominican Family of strategies to fundraise.

8- State that all the jobs generated directly at the different dependencies of Justice and Peace requiring the assignment of a budget should be self-managed.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

1- Check with the team the training programs proposals as for justice and peace to make them accessible to the teams and to the whole Dominican Family for the defence of Human Rights in our daily life.
2- Set up regional work teams for schools and parishes.

3- Think about the causes of social injustice.

**PROMOTION**

1- Promote the prayer of the Rosary every Friday for justice and peace and to Our Lady of the Rosary for peace in Venezuela.

2- Develop activities aiming to promote the following themes in schools, parishes and communities:
   a- Struggle for Democracy
   b- Human Rights
      - Right to life
      - Right to food
      - Right to education
      - Right to health
   c- Situation of the Venezuelan Diaspora
   d- Environment

3- Use all the information that is available to advertise the different social work done by the Dominican Family, so as to strengthen compassion and love for our neighbours in the communities.

4- Encourage the participation in the different programs.

5- Advertise the work that is done for justice and peace in the schools and parishes.

**INTERNAL COMMUNICATION**

1- Elaborate a contact list of all the members of the Justice & Peace Team, of the Dominican Family, the parishes, NGOs, volunteers, etc., including: name, last name, position and/or title, phone number, e-mail, physical address according to the field of work.

2- Give directions on what the best communication channels are.

3- Keep a communication flux among all the members of the team so as to share the same information that leads us to achieve the common objectives.
4- Request from the communities running social programs all the available information regarding effectiveness, logistics and materials, with the purpose of spread the word about them and ask for help within the Dominican Family to optimize their services.

5- Pray for justice and peace in Venezuela.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

1- Provide training for the promoter in charge of managing social networks and electronic media.

2- Carry out a comparative study on the social network performance of similar projects.

3- Search and establish alliances with mass, local and community media for spreading our message.

4- Design a media campaign specifying date and time.

5- Promote the campaign within the Dominican Family through e-mail and contacts in the different social networks.

6- Produce key messages of the Dominican Family united for democracy and Human Rights and other social interest topics.

7- Publish and monitor messages by interacting with the public.

8- Highlight the work alliances that we have with other organizations that promote justice and peace.

SOCIAL WORK, SCHOOL AND PARISHES

1- Request support in the parishes for the control, follow-up and registration of the social works that are developed in each one of them.

2- Build a network within the Dominican Family that provides a service to search and distribute in the different regions of the country the medicines, supplies or products that they can receive.
3- Encourage friars and sisters who leave the country and will return to bring medicines as part of their luggage.

4- Pray for Justice and Peace. We invite everyone to strengthen daily personal prayer, to participate in community prayer, especially in the Eucharistic celebration. The invitation is to keep in mind the intention of a life of justice and peace. Specifically, we propose to meditate a part of the rosary (we suggest the Friday of each week) and advice the prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary for the Peace of Venezuela.

(Coordinate the animation of this prayer, in a dynamic way, in relation to the works.)

TEAM STRUCTURE

ESTIMATED POPULATION IN WHICH A DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPACT IS EXPECTED

The number of people we want to affect directly and indirectly is wide, because the Dominican Family has more than 30 schools in Venezuela; we are in charge of 5 parishes, various Vicariates and the social works that we run.
SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

1- Three national meetings with the National Team of Justice & Peace.

1- October 2018. Training-retreat meeting for planning and team integration. Three days in Merida, Venezuela.

2- February 2019. Team integration, evaluation and reviewing meeting, three days in Barquisimeto, Venezuela.


2- Visits to the missions

It is important to make at least two visits a year to the missions, to establish a link with a contact person that can represent Justice and Peace, to coordinate information and joint activities.

3- November 3, meeting in gratitude and encouragement for people, NGOs and groups that work in favour of human rights, justice and peace. Victims or their families (victims resulting from the struggle to defend these values) will also be invited.

We propose to work during a whole morning, in a thankful attitude towards their work and sacrifice.

Agenda.
- Conference on strength and hope in difficult times
- Thanks giving in Eucharist
- Sharing time with snacks.

4- Organize for the Dominican family in Caracas, Barquisimeto, Maracaibo, Mérida, Táchira and the plains the training program for ”reconstruction of the social fabric”, in collaboration with GUMILLA. This program requires 3 or 4 meetings.

5- Organize a workshop on Human Rights with the support of different NGOs (PROVEA, COFAVIC, etc.).

6- Start theatre program in schools and our parishes of the Metropolitan Area of Caracas (7 schools) treating the topic of Human Rights.

7- Workshop to train school teachers, to apply the training project on Human Rights in primary education proposed by the Andres Bello Catholic University (UCAB).
8- Visit by the Justice and Peace coordinator O.P. Venezuela, as possibilities allow, to the countries where there is more presence of Venezuelan migrants, establishing contact with the justice and peace coordinators of each region, to assess the reality and see co-operation possibilities in favour of migrants.

We propose to travel to South American countries, by land, doing the same route as the Venezuelan migrants, so as to know more reality and to be with them in the hard process of displacement. (The name of the project is “Compañeros de Camino” (Journey Companions)).

9- Present and evaluate the ecological proposals along with our activities.

10- Research on the possibilities of applying the program “Teaching Peace” of the North American Peace Education Foundation. We propose to apply it in our schools in the first try as a pilot program; both in the border states with Colombia and in the schools of Caracas.

11- Promote the urgent agenda for democracy.

**Urgent Agenda for Democracy, O.P.**

1- Participate and **support the networking** carried out by the various NGOs, federations, universities, movements, etc.

2- The attitude that we want to express and generate in our Dominican Family is to **ACCOMPANY AND BE SOLIDARY**.

3- **Strength and Hope Campaign, use the expression “Strength and Hope, Justice and Peace O.P.”**

4- **Boost our presence** in the public administration and participate in public manifestations.

5- **Humanitarian Channel.**

- **a**- Support the campaigns that demand the humanitarian channel for medicines and food.
- **b**- Create a distribution network connecting all the places where we are present.
- **c**- Encourage friars and sisters who leave the country and will return to bring medicines as part of their luggage.
- **d**- Arrange the delivery of medicines with cargo companies.
- **e**- Support and encourage the communities, which already have a job of caring for the sick or helping with food, both uncooked and cooked (such as solidary pots).
6- Invite and promote the Friday prayer on the rosary for justice and peace.

7- Short workshops on citizenship and democracy (messages through social networks).

ALLIANCES WITH NGOs

We build alliances with different NGOs and other groups that offer their support within the training planning, elaborating educational proposals oriented to the different learning groups. We also support other organizations with which we share values of justice and peace.

ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND BUDGET

The economic situation of hyperinflation and scarcity makes it difficult for us to make a valid budget after two or three days of its preparation; therefore, we do not have a detailed budget on the investment required by the project. The explanation of the project clearly shows how extensive it is and the need to seek resources to carry it out.

Currently we do not have resources in electronic office equipment, communication, money or material goods of any kind. Our only capital is the human resource, a team and volunteers, willing to organize and work.

We can point out the necessary electronic equipment, without a budget, for some activities to be carried out. We can indicate an approximate cost in US$.

ELECTRONIC AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>N</th>
<th>EQUIPMENT</th>
<th>QUANTITY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Laptop</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Laptop sound system</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Video beam</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Digital camera</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Tablet or Smartphone for social networks</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Printer and photocopier</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Office items</td>
<td>Different items</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### APPROXIMATE COSTS FOR SOME ACTIVITIES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>N</th>
<th>ACTIVITY</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION OF THE COST</th>
<th>NUMBER OF PEOPLE</th>
<th>NUMBER OF MEETINGS OR TRIPS</th>
<th>COST PER MEETING IN US$</th>
<th>TOTAL COST IN US$</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>National team meeting</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Food</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Lodging</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Organizer</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Visit to missions</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>400.00</td>
<td>800.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Allowance</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Meeting in gratitude and encouragement for people,</td>
<td>Organizer</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>400.00</td>
<td>400.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NGOs and groups that work in favour of human rights,</td>
<td>Snack</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>justice and peace</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Dominican family training program &quot;reconstruction of</td>
<td>Organizer</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>200.00</td>
<td>4,800.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>the social fabric&quot;, in collaboration with GUMILLA.</td>
<td>Snack</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6 states, 4 meetings per state</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Dominican Family training on Human Rights by PROVEA.</td>
<td>Snack</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>200.00</td>
<td>1,200.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6 states 1 meeting per state</td>
<td>Organizer</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Theatre in schools and parishes of Caracas</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
<td>50.00</td>
<td>500.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Symbolic payment to the</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>theatre group</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Teachers’ three-day workshop on Human Rights. UCAB</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>300.00</td>
<td>300.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>program</td>
<td>Allowances</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Snacks</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Visit,</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>MISSION</td>
<td>DONATION IN US$</td>
<td>DONATION IN VEF</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>“Foudation Saint Martin de Porres”. Merida (Dominican Sisters of Saint Rose of Lima). Serves the homeless.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>“Casa de la Misericordia” [House of mercy] Maracaibo (Dominican sisters of the Presentation). Serves the sick and the poor</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>“Hilvanando vidas con pespunte de valores” [Tacking lives with backstitches of moral values]. Las Mayas, Caracas (Dominican Sisters of the Holy Family) Sewing workshops, clothing collection, serves the poor and lends wheelchairs, crutches, etc.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>“Centro Social y Pastoral San Martin de P.” [Saint Martin de Porres Social and Pastoral Center] Training centre. Barquisimeto (Dominican Sisters of the Holy Family)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>“Padre Machado Rehabilitation House” El Valle - Caracas. Intercongregational mission serves the homeless</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>“Justice and Peace Team” The team encourages and boosts the process of justice and peace in Venezuela.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>“Justice and Peace Team” Distributes and organizes the Works of the Dominican Family on Justice and Peace</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Accompanying trip by land:** Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina

- TOTAL: 13,000.00
For inquiries about helps or for any question, please contact us in
justiciaypaz.opvenezuela@gmail.com
opmiguelangel@gmail.com
+584126623760 (Whatsapp), +582122666112 (local calls)
Brother Muguel Angel Espinoza S. O.P. (Justice and Peace O.P. Venezuela)

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN VENEZUELA

Our Lady of the Rosary, Queen of our Order, we come to you this day to pray for Peace within our people of Venezuela, that peace that is the fruit of justice, centred in the love for God and for our neighbours.

Hear the prayer of your children for these people that suffer, and make that the dawn of peace and of the new life come soon to us.

Behold our land, lashed by violence and dispersed because of fear and insecurity.

Comfort the pain of those who suffer. Touch the heart of those who forget that we are brothers and sisters, those who provoke pain and death. Give them the Gift of conversion. Protect the families, our children, our youth, and our people.

Restore peace among us, that peace that only you can give and restore the social harmony.

So that we can get back to the order under your protective sight and your inspiration, to become what we are called to be: a reflection of God’s love, of God’s Justice and love for the neighbour.

We pray that your motherly help will make us brave, patient and efficient in the commitment to, justice, which is the base for the peace, which we all need.

We pray in the name of your son Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen

Coordination team:

Sister Dilcia Zambrano, O.P.
Mariee Bele Baldo.
Sister Elaine.
Indira Marquina.
Humberto Rico.
Fr. José Juan de Paz, O.P.
Yennifer Rincón.
Ángela Zambrano.
María Ángeles Sánchez.
Sister Gissell Ortega, O.P.
Sister María García, O.P.
Sister Belén Sánchez, O.P.
Fray Miguel A. Espinoza S., O.P.
Team members not living in Venezuela become Volunteers:

Julio Sánchez
Liliana Rodríguez

Venezuela, February 2019