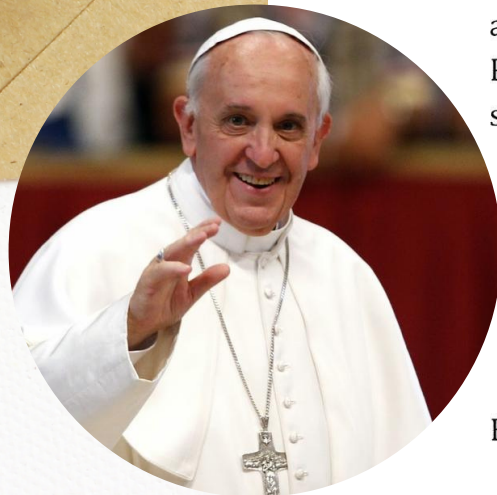




« The Most Reverend Marc Stenger
Co-President of *Pax Christi International*

His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to learn that Pax Christi International will commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of its foundation on 2 October 2020, and he sends cordial greetings to all those taking part in this celebration. In a rapidly shrinking world, in which we are constantly challenged not only to respect but also to feel responsible for one another, building bridges and promoting reconciliation and nonviolent change, His Holiness is convinced that the apostolate of Pax Christi is more than ever necessary. He prays that this anniversary will be an occasion for the members to renew their commitment to be a leaven of social peace, grounded in justice and directed by the charity of the Gospel. In this way, they will continue to be an icon of Christ's own peace in fostering that "solidarity, fraternity, and desire for goodness, truth and justice" capable of inspiring generations yet to come (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 71). With these sentiments, the Holy Father entrusts all associated with the work of Pax Christi to the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, and willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and strength in the Lord.

✠ Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State. »

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