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JUSTICE, PAIX & INTÉGRITÉ DE LA CRÉATION

Petites Sœurs de l'Assomption & Religieuses de l'Assomption
Augustins de l'Assomption & Oblates de l'Assomption

To our Brothers and Sisters
Religious of the Assumption,
Augustinians of the Assumption
Oblates de l'Assomption
Orantes of the Assumption
Little Sisters of the Assumption

Seville 4th March 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers :

The International Secretariat of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation held its last meeting on the 19th, 20th and 21st February 2016. It was the first time that the Oblates of the Assumption participated. Their presence enriched our reflection and broadened our vision.

Commitment to Justice and Peace is integral to our mission because Justice and Peace is another way of proclaiming The Kingdom of God. Our passion for the Coming of His Kingdom is at the heart of our Assumption Charism.

No doubt you are familiar and up to date with the situation in Kivu. The five families of the Assumption are present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and three of these; The Augustinians of the Assumption, The Oblates of the Assumption and the Orantes of the Assumption are in the Diocese of Butembo-Beni, there where violence has persisted for many years over the people's lives. Among the thousands of victims, our three Assumptionist brothers who have disappeared since the 19th October 2012.

The General Councils of the Assumption have asked us to take into account this situation.

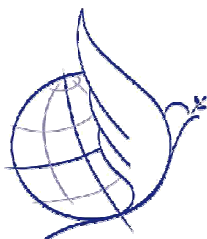
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Our Brothers and sisters of Kivu in proximity support the suffering people and we wish to be their spokes person to make known, to plead and to denounce with them this genocide, everyday; tortured, bruised and barbaric slaughter of peasants, of children, of women and of entire families. Gathered as the International Secretariat we have decided to support the request for a serious, neutral international enquiry into this situation.

In this framework, no doubt you have received the links for you to join in the campaign underway by Avaaz ;



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Here is one of many actions which we wish to take in order to understand the voice of a sensational event which has lasted for too long and of which not enough spoke

We are proposing to you other actions throughout the months to come but we are also open to all other proposals which can make known effectively the cries of this suffering. We are inviting you to seek among the resources around you allies who may be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with us in this approach.

As a congregation we are in involving AEFJN and Vivat, one at the centre of the European Union ,the other at the heart of the United Nations.

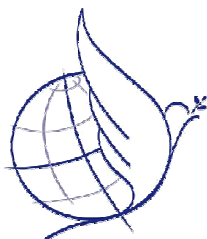
We are also proising to high light this situation across the Web Page of the Assumption JPIC as news item. For this we have the up to date collaboration of our brothers and sisters who are there on the spot.

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Advocacy is a work which takes time .Like the widow in St.Luke's Gospel ch.18 v1-8 we are called to be persistent "Give me justice against my enemies". We ask you not to become discouraged, nor to become weary in the coming months ,to continue to sign letters, to spread around you any information received, to be creative in speaking for and about Kivu

We make this choice for Kivu knowing that a thousand other injustices are happening elsewhere in the world and close to us. The choice of this particular and precise situation brings us into an effective love of neighbor and in so doing with the entire universe.

Our prayer to the God of Life is our sharing in the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. May it be intense in its pleading, and may it remain at the centre of our personal and community action. That our prayer may enfold our sisters and brothers who are victims of evil, of suffering and death, that it may also intercede with God to bring about a change of heart in their executioners and the pursuit of respect for peoples as the safeguard of the lives of all who have political responsibility here and there in Kivu.



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Let us remain in communion with one another, in our prayer and apostolic activity ;"May Thy Kingdom Come"

In the name of the Assumption International Secretariat JPIC,

Pilar Trillo,
Little Sister of the Assumption.



From right to left: María Eugenia Ramírez, ra ; Ana Senties, ra ; Marcia Ferreira, psa ; Angel Macho, aa ; Sheilah Dooley, laïc psa; Annie Kibolo, psa ; Bernadette Mangan, psa (traductrice) ; Marcelo Marciel, aa ; Mary Keenan, psa ; Jessica Gatty, ra ; Marie Madeleine Kambumbu, oa ; Belen Miguel, ra ; Pilar Trillo, psa ; Cécile Renouard, ra ; Myriam Collon, psa