

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel text (Lk 18:1-8): Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being..."

The foundation of building peace

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Today, we ask ourselves: What is the foundation of building peace? It consists in the divine origin of man, of society and of authority itself which calls individuals, families, different social groups and States to live out relations of justice and solidarity.

It is the duty of all men and women to build peace following the example of Jesus Christ, through these two paths: promoting and exercising justice with truth and love; everyone contributing, according to his means, to integral human development following the logic of solidarity. There cannot be true peace and harmony if we do not work for a more just and integral society and if we do not overcome every level of selfishness, if we do not respect the value of the person, the dignity of every human being.

—It is not dogma which indicates practical solutions in political, economic and social matters but rather dialogue, listening, patience, respect for the other, sincerity and also readiness to revise one's opinion.