



SDG Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

OBSERVE:

"A politics concerned with immediate results, supported by consumerist sectors of the population, is driven to produce short-term growth. In response to electoral interests, governments are reluctant to upset the public with measures which could affect the level of consumption or create risks for foreign investment. The myopia of power politics delays the inclusion of a far-sighted environmental agenda within the overall agenda of governments. Thus, we forget that "time is greater than space", that we are always more effective when we generate processes rather than holding on to positions of power. True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good. Political powers do not find it easy to assume this duty in the work of nation-building." (LS, 178)

READINGS OF THE DAY

- Lent: To keep the word is to know life. You will be the father of a multitude of peoples (Gen 17,3).
- Abraham, your father, jumped for joy thinking he would see my day (Jn 8,51).

ACT: *Jesus, you have no hands
You have only our hands to build
a world where justice dwells.
Jesus, you have no feet
You have only our feet to set freedom and love in motion
Jesus, you have no lips
You have only our lips to announce
to the world the Good News of the poor
Jesus, you have no means
You have only our action to make all people our brothers and sisters.
Jesus, we are your Gospel,
if our lives are effective words and deeds.
the only Gospel that people can read.*

