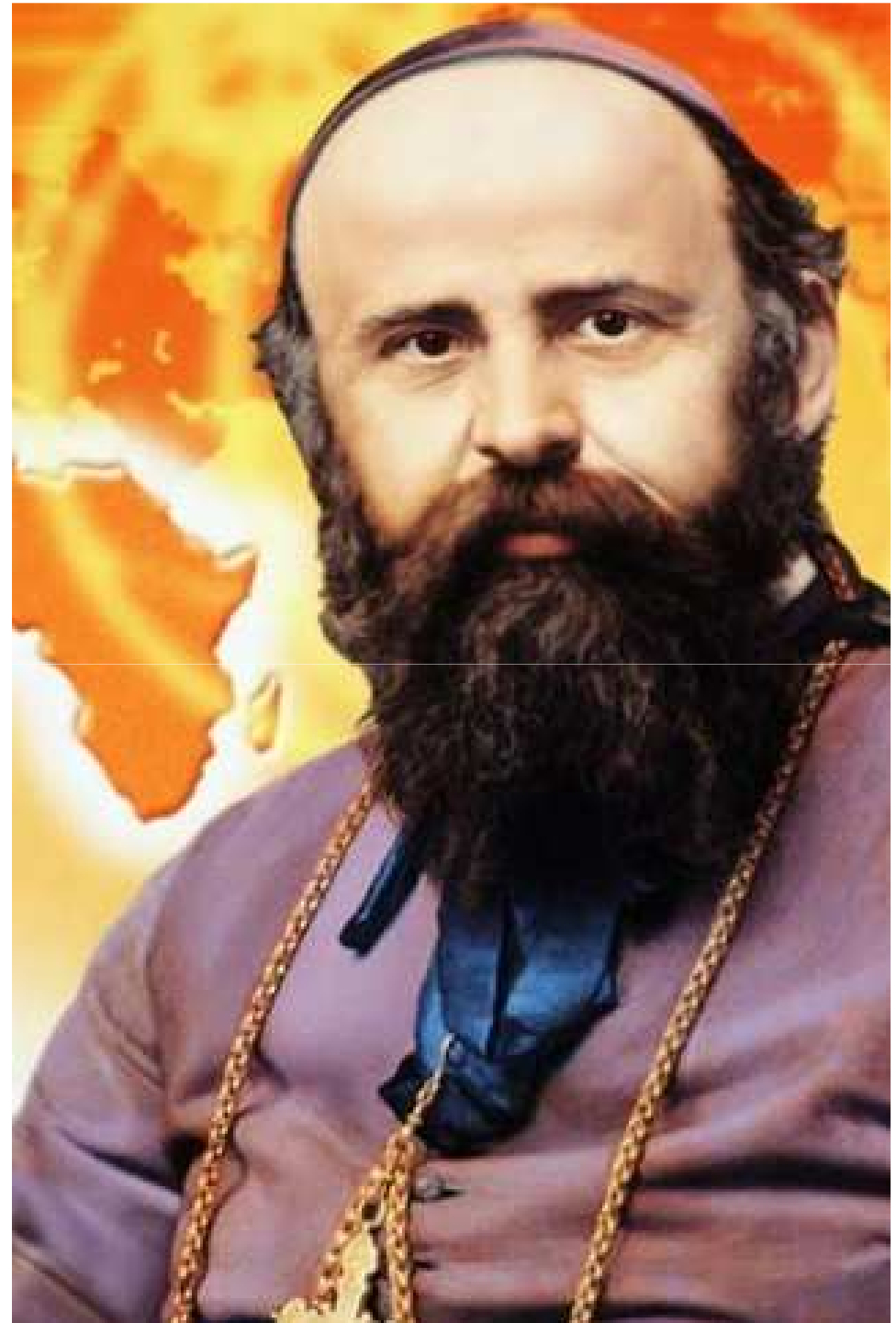
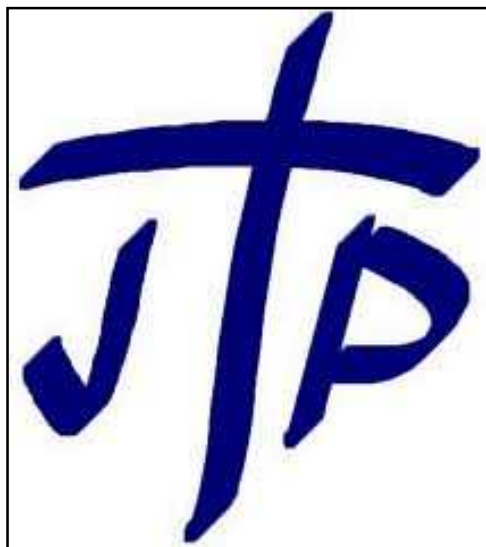


**JUSTICE and PEACE**

Integrity of Creation

**Comboni  
Missionaries'**  
Office in the NAP:  
**What's & What for?**





The **Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Office** of the **North American Province (NAP)** was founded in 1993 in the Spirit of St. Daniel Comboni who passionately trumpeted causes for justice throughout his life.

*As a working department of the NAP, the JPIC Office seeks a closer collaboration with Comboni provinces around the world, and especially with the Americas, our “partners in the hemisphere.”*

One of its main goals is to increase the Comboni Missionaries’ participation at the United Nations through the memberships with **VIVAT International** and at American Congress through **Africa Faith & Justice Network (AFJN)**.

We support and work closely also with the partners of AFJN in Washington, D.C., and of VIVAT International in New York City, and also with **Africa Europe Faith & Justice Network (AEFJN)** in Brussels and its partners.



## OUR JPIC Team in NAP



**Fr. John Converset** is a representative of the Comboni Missionaries in the board of the Africa Faith & Justice Network and for VIVAT International.

He is part of many groups in the UN and follow in special way Arm Control, Trafficking on Person and Immigrations issues. His missionary experience has been in South Africa, he served many years in the NAP, also as Provincial for six years.

**Fr. Jean Paul Pezzi** is the editor of French, Spanish, Italian edition of the NAP Comboni JPIC Network Newsletter that appears on his blog [www.jpic-jp.org](http://www.jpic-jp.org)



He follows the Mining, Trafficking on Person and Financial issues. He's beginning a special research and advocacy on Land Grabbing. His missionary experiences have been in Burundi, Ecuador, Colombia and DR-Congo, in pastoral, educational and communication fields.

**John & John Paul are part of St. Lucy's Comboni community (Newark – NJ)**

**Cindy Browne**, manager of the JPIC Resource Center, helped establish the center at the Cincinnati provincial headquarters in 1996. She is the editor of the monthly CJN Newsletter English edition and the Calendar, cures Comboni Mission magazine on JPIC topics and networks, and takes part in several organizations that support the JPIC agenda.





## Recognition of NAP office of JPIC as Comboni Missionaries representative.

The Comboni Missionary Family serves the poorest and most abandoned in 40 countries.

In our daily missionary experiences, we see the end results of decisions made in Washington and at the United Nations and how they affect the people we serve.

Our mission presence in New Jersey, in close proximity to Washington, D.C. and New York, is committed to supporting the international Comboni missionary work by participating in the direct dialogue at these vital locations.

**The General Chapter of 2003 assumed the justice and peace commitment as a congregational priority.**

American Province (NAP) has embraced the idea of this commitment since the early 1990s. In order to implement this goal, **we assume the NAP Office for J & P as our active channel** and we authorize the director of the office, to act on our behalf as our personal representative **to the United Nations and Washington.**

***Excerpts from Fr. Teresino Serra's, Superior General, letter of April 27, 2007***



## Work to be done

The presence of Comboni Missionaries office in NAP has its meaning and aim in supporting the international Comboni missionary work serving the poorest and most abandoned. Therefore:

- A connection has to be built between the Comboni mission's work and NAP office
- Key persons in each province are to be in contact with the NAP office bringing information on situations the Comboni Missionaries face in the apostolic work.
- More knowledge of the importance of this kind of "mission" and how to include the social issues in our "evangelization work" are to be implemented.
- Awareness of the central issue to be played by the NAP office through VIVAT and AFJN has to be fully raised.



## THE SOURCE OF OUR COMMITMENT

### The Word of God

You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8) Take truth as your belt, justice as your breast-plate (Eph. 6: 14)

### The word of the Church

The invitation we give to celebrate Peace resounds as an invitation to practice Justice: "Justice will bring about Peace" (Cf Is 32:17). We repeat this today in a more incisive and dynamic formula: "If you want Peace, work for Justice".

We have such trust in the power of the associated ideals of Justice and Peace to generate in modern man the moral energy to actuate them, that we are confident of their gradual victory.

Indeed we are even more confident that on his own modern man has an understanding of the ways of peace, sufficient to enable him to become a promoter of that Justice which opens those ways and sets people travelling them with courageous and prophetic hope.

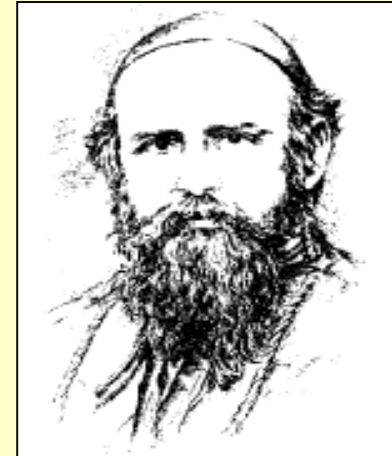
Peace is under the austere and serene sign of Justice.

(From the Message of Paul VI for the Day of Peace 1972)



## The example of Comboni

Full of passion, he moved all Europe, rich and poor, legislators and common people to save the Africans.



## The voice of General Chapter

“Starting from 1985 Chapter, **JPIC** (Justice and Peace and Integrity of Creation) has been **a priority** in our Institute and must continue to be a priority , coordinated at the central level by the secretary general of evangelization.” (GC 2003)

Circumscriptions should, together with other bodies, promote activities of *lobbying* and *advocacy* at continental level, paying particular attention to immigrants and refugees (GC 2009).

## Our commitment

Sharing a VISION of the world and of every human being as created in goodness and dignity, and believing in equality in rights and in dignity of all individuals, peoples, cultures, we commit ourselves to promote Justice, harmony, and reconciliation in the world.

## Community and Pastoral Reflection

- Does our Community and Parish take seriously the commitment of JPIC?
- Which are the concrete areas where we are working for JPIC?
- Do we know what're AEFJN, AFJN, VIVAT INTERNATIONAL and NAP Office for JPIC?
- Do we have direct contact with our JPIC responsible in the Province, with NAP Office in New York?



- Does the Christian community:
  - have the JPIC commission?
  - present its issues on JPIC?
- Did we share them with our Office of JPIC in Rome? With the NAP Office of JPIC, with our NGO (Aefjn, Afjn, Vivat)?



The fire and the passion haven't been stifled.  
The **times have changed**, new human groups and  
**new forms of slavery** have arisen.  
Passion for the poor leads us to find  
**new answers flowing from the Gospel**  
and new ways to help in creating dignity.



**It is our turn in the relay race to bring the Good  
News to the Poor**