

## **'Signs of the times' that were background for Pacem in Terris**

### **1961:**

- ~ J.F. Kennedy inaugurated
- ~ Formation of the Peace Corp
- ~ Freedom Riders
- ~ Russia detonates largest hydrogen bomb
- ~ OPEC is formed
- ~ Bay of Pigs invasion and failure
- ~ Kennedy/Khrushchev summit
- ~ Berlin Wall and Cold War

### **1962:**

- ~ Bombing of 3 major airplanes killing total of 290 people
- ~ ATT Telstar satellite launched
- ~ Mandela ousted from So. Africa
- ~ Racial tension in US
- ~ Opening of Vat. II (1962-1965)
- ~ Vietnam War
- ~ G. Wallace statement: "Segregation now, tomorrow and forever."
- ~ Cuban Missile Crisis

### **1963:**

- ~ Betty Friedan's 'Feminine Mystique'
- ~ Eloquence and message of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

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Addressed to "all people of good will".

Most extensive delineation of:

- ~ economic rights:
  - of workers to have jobs that enhance their dignity
  - and receive a just wage
- ~ social/cultural rights:
  - life, food, clothing,
  - health care, education, leisure
- ~ political rights
  - freedom of speech, religion, association, migration
  - participation in society
- ~ gap between rich/poor because of globalization

**"Peace needs to be founded on truth, built according to justice, vivified and integrated by charity, and put into practice in freedom, or else peace remains an empty-sounding word."**