A CHRISTMAS APPEAL
from the Executive Director

Dear Companions on the Journey,

As I write this letter, winter has arrived early in Northeast Washington D.C., and the season of Advent hope has dawned.

Our spirits hunger for this time of joy and peace, for every day we confront the stark realities of a troubled world. Whether it is Gaza or the Ukraine, Ferguson, Missouri, the South Sudan or our own families or local neighborhoods, it seems that an almost unbridled rage resides in the human heart. It is not acceptable that our world is wounded by these conflicts. Nor is it acceptable when 87 of the world’s richest people control as much income and wealth as the less privileged 3.5 billion people at the bottom of the economic ladder. Nor is it acceptable when 11.4 million immigrants to the U.S. have no worker protection, or freedom from family separation, or a clear pathway to citizenship. Similarly, it is not acceptable when over 50 million refugees are forced to flee horrific situations and now wander the uninviting world in search of a place to call home.

There are many causes for violence and hatred, but only one real cure.

And that is the message that is proclaimed by the ancient prophets: that a child will be born that is the human incarnation of unconditional love. Jesus taught us the power of love—the power to confront economic and racial injustice everywhere; to challenge worldwide violations of basic human rights; and to end the obscene militarization of our planet. The power of love animates our spirituality of nonviolence and peacemaking. “Some day,” wrote the Jesuit scientist and theologian, Teilhard de Chardin, “after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and for the second time in the history of the world, man (sic) will have discovered fire.”

Highlights of our past year included the culmination of our Regional Dialogues, our recent program at the School of the Americas, and 5 wonderful gatherings of communities of color. In five regions (St. Louis, Southern California, Atlanta, Miami, and Houston) we gathered Catholic “communities of color” specifically to learn about Catholic Social Teaching, the Catholic Peace Movement, and to discuss issues of injustice in these communities and how Pax Christi USA could walk to empower these communities.

Much of this newsletter deals with economic injustice, particularly the growing disparity of wealth and income in the United States. How much longer will we wait for the trickle-down theory of economic progress to work? Where are the facts to support the laissez-faire philosophy that “all boats rise in a rising tide”? We should turn to and hear the pleas of the many people in our own country who are subsisting on minimal wages to answer these questions. Pope Francis reminds us, in Evangeli Gaudium, we have built an economy of exclusion and inequality. The world will never know peace or justice as long as these disparities abound. “How can it be,” Pope Francis writes, “that it is not news when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?”

In the beginning of this letter, I mentioned that Advent and Christmas are times of much-needed peace and

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Pax Christi International’s vibrant presence at the UN

By Beth Begley
PCI UN Team member

Pax Christi International (PCI) has had special consultative status at the United Nations since 1979. Day by day there seems to be little change here – but looking back over 10 years I see amazing changes: communication, outreach to youth, sustained insistence on gender equity, an emerging sense of power among the non-nuclear states, a growing sense among NGO’s that all issues are interconnected. As the Millennium Development Goals mature and meetings continue to articulate ‘The World We Want Post 2015’ in April 2015, it is clear that a more inclusive world view is being expressed. It is acknowledged that where there is conflict there is no development, although disarmament is not on this radar (www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Post_2015_UNTTreport.pdf).

PCI is now a member of the Working Group on the Security Council (http://ngowgsc.org), literally a ‘seat at the table’ at frequent briefings with individual members of the Security Council and their staffs. This provides off the record insights and networking opportunities. Marie Dennis represents PCI with Alex Hiniker as backup. Beth Begley and Hiniker attend briefings with Angela Kane, High Rep. of the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs (ODA). These are primarily opportunities to bring to the table our issues and efforts, to discuss logistics for upcoming ODA events, and to network. Alex has assumed a pivotal role in communication. Beth is vice-president of the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security. PCI has Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the UN in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

Mobilisation is beginning for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review. In 2014, Paul Lansu, Jose Henriquez and Marie Dennis from PCI were present, as was Susi Snyder from PAX (PC Netherlands). Globally, all are invited to participate in the Net Zero campaign that began on Sept. 26 (www.unfoldzero.org) – the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.

In addition to nuclear issues, Hiniker also works on Syria and South Sudan where PAX has local staff. Cheryl Morrissey is on the executive committee of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development and has co-authored 3 interventions. Abigail Metzger is active with the NGO Committee on Israel and Palestine and networks both in New York and in Washington, D.C. Pat Ryan and Mary McDonald follow indigenous issues. Madeline Labriola is our Treasurer. Begley is also Secretary of the interfaith Committee of Religious NGOs, which works on Interfaith Harmony Day, monthly programming and the potential role of religious traditions in peacemaking and the prevention of violence.

Now that so many aspects of the UN are on the web there are many ways to connect. You can view UN proceedings live on UN Web TV (www.un.org/webcast/contact.html). All of the issues addressed by NGO committees have email lists and many have web sites. We all know that decisions are made at the home capital. Work here is important – work on the national level is just as important. We have the tools to work so much more closely together. How can we best do that?

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Economic Justice in the United States: Everyone deserves a home

By Tony Magliano

Just imagine for a moment that you have no home.

What will you do for meals today? Where will you shower? Where will you sleep? If you have children, how will you provide for them?

And how will you cope with being homeless tomorrow, next week, next month?

Such imaginings are distressing. Aren’t they?

Last winter I took imagining what it would be like to be homeless one step further. I lived one day in Baltimore as a homeless man trying to stay warm and fed. From street, to soup kitchen, to shelter I ventured.

I learned a lot that day about how rough it is to have no place to call your own. But later that night my experience as a homeless person ended. I got in my vehicle and headed home.

But for 100 million people throughout the world, not having a home to go to each night is a hard, sad reality (61st session of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights).

And in the U.S., according to the National Coalition for the Homeless (www.nationalhomeless.org), 3.5 million people – 39 percent of which are children – have no place to call home.

Recently I spoke with Ken Leslie, a former homeless alcoholic and drug addict, who is now a leading advocate for people who have no home. Based in Toledo, Ohio, Leslie founded 1Matters (www.1matters.org), an organization inviting each of us to “Be 1 that matters to 1 that matters.”

As their motto indicates, 1-on-1 relationships help break down homeless stereotypes and build community.

One major stereotype is the word “homeless” itself. Because the word “homeless” often conjures up negative images of people – which in most cases are completely untrue – Leslie prefers using the word “unhoused.”

A model project of 1Matters is “Tent City.” Every year on the last weekend of October, Tent City brings together doctors, nurses, medical students, social workers and over 500 other caring souls to serve the unhoused.

Recently – Oct. 24-26, 2014 –Tent City celebrated its 25th anniversary. On Toledo’s Civic Center Mall, under several tents, approximately 1,000 unhoused and marginally housed fellow human beings received medical treatment, prescriptions, job and housing assistance, I.D. acquisition, haircuts, food, clothing, commitment to follow-up care and lots of love.

To watch an inspiring video on Tent City go to www.1matters.org/tentcity. And then kindly consider how a Tent City could be started in your town or city. You can contact Ken Leslie for assistance at ken@1matters.org.

Another outstanding program of 1Matters is “Veterans Matter.”

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs there are over 49,000 homeless veterans on the streets of America. And while many of them qualify for government rental assistance, they lack the upfront deposit needed to get an apartment.

Veterans Matter has provided deposits for approximately 500 veterans to date in several states. You can help an unhoused veteran get off the street and into decent housing by making a donation at www.veteransmatter.org.

Everyone deserves a home. And National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week – which takes place each year on Nov. 15-23 – is an ideal time to get started in helping to make a difference in the lives of unhoused people.

The social doctrine of the Catholic Church clearly teaches that safe, decent housing is a basic human right. And that individuals, governments and society in general have a moral obligation to help end homelessness.

In the spirit of the Beatitudes: “Blessed are those who help the unhoused, for they shall find a home in heaven.”

Tony Magliano is an internationally syndicated social justice and peace columnist. Please contact your diocesan newspaper and request that they carry Tony’s column. Tony is available to speak at diocesan or parish gatherings about Catholic social teaching. His keynote address, “Advancing the Kingdom of God in the 21st Century,” has been well received by diocesan gatherings from Salt Lake City to Baltimore. Tony can be reached at tmag@zoominternet.net.
I had the privilege of participating in the “Weekend of Resistance” called by the Organization for Black Struggle (OBS) as part of their ongoing two month public protest of the police killing of the unarmed African-American high school graduate, Michael Brown. I joined with nearly a thousand other people from all over the Midwest on a march and rally in downtown St. Louis on Saturday, October 11th.

The Organization for Black Struggle (http://obs-onthemove.org/) was founded in 1980 by activists, students, union organizers and other community members in order to fill a vacuum left by the assaults on the Black Power Movement. THEIR VISION: To contribute to the creation of a society free of all forms of exploitation and oppression. THEIR MISSION: To build a movement that fights for political empowerment, economic justice and the cultural dignity of the African-American community, especially the Black working class. THEIR PROGRAM is based upon the Black Freedom Agenda that was introduced at the founding of the Black Radical Congress in 1998 and ratified in 1999.

Participants in the Weekend of Resistance in St. Louis. (Photo by Tom Cordaro)

Included in their freedom agenda is a commitment to fight for the human rights of Black people and all people; to fight against state terrorism, to abolish police brutality, unwarranted incarceration and the death penalty; to fight for political democracy, gender equality and to insure that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are recognized and respected as full and equal members of society and of our communities. They are committed to the struggle for a clean and healthy environment; to building multicultural solidarity and alliances among all people of color and to support the liberation struggles of all oppressed peoples.

Many participants expressed their distrust of the legal proceedings in the Michael Brown case because of the lack of transparency, the perceived bias of the prosecutor in this case, and the racial make-up of the grand jury deciding if charges should be brought against the police officer that shot Michael (9 whites and 3 blacks).

Beyond the particulars of this case the OBS and their supporters point to the institutional and systemic forces that have kept people of color in Ferguson and communities of color across the country in a constant state of siege by a criminal justice system that treats them all as criminals; in a perpetual state of disenfranchisement by a political establishment that treats them as second class citizens; and in a permanent state of poverty by an economic system that has designated them as an expendable underclass. This gathering was one the most racially diverse events I have ever participated in. Two-thirds of the participants were people of color – Black, Latino, Asian, Arab and South Asian. One-third of the participants were white. This was also one of the most youthful demonstrations I have ever attended. (I estimate that over 60% of participants were under 35.) The march was led by young people and most of the speakers were young people – including teens.

There was a strong showing from labor organizations, student groups, community organizing groups and faith communities. (However, there was no organized Catholic presence at the march.) I did find a few Pax Christi members: John Powell, a member from Ferguson and Heather Brouillet Navarro, a Pax Christi National Council member from St. Louis. I also had the great pleasure of meeting with members of the Kabat House St. Louis Catholic Worker Community who were planning to take part in the direct action the following Monday.

There was an amazing energy during the event. People were determined, focused and committed. People were militant yet joyful; they were disciplined yet spontaneous. Everyone understood what was at stake. This was no extra-curricular activity. The people gathered at this event were not there merely to support a cause or to draw attention to an “issue.” They were not interested in building their activist resume. The people at this gathering understood that their survival was at stake, as individuals and as a
As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the modern Civil Rights era, Pax Christi USA (PCUSA), the national Catholic peace and justice movement, continues its commitment to confront the evil of racism and all forms of oppression, as we witness to the Gospel call of nonviolence and peace with justice.

Traditionally, PCUSA didn’t reach out to communities of color. It was not until people of color joined the national council that an intentional anti-racism initiative began to take shape. This ongoing commitment began in 1999 when Pax Christi USA, with its majority membership of white Catholics, embarked on a 20-year initiative by 1) creating a document “Brothers and Sisters All” and 2) creating the Pax Christi Anti-Racism Team, PCART, as an integral section of PCUSA. By striving to create a world that reflects the peace of Christ, intentionally becoming an anti-racist, multicultural, Catholic, nonviolent, peace and justice movement, PCUSA strives to become part of “the Beloved Community” envisioned by Martin Luther King, Jr.

PCUSA is committed to this work of making strong, honest, caring relationships – both personal and institutional – across racial lines, in order that together, with the whole body of Christ, we can transform structures and cultures of violence and domination. We are further committed to and have made progress in transforming our own organizational structures, policies, practices, and forms of decision-making to include the participation of people of color. To assist the PCUSA members in this effort, the trained PCART team educates our membership on embracing an anti-racist perspective in working on its initiatives.

This past year Pax Christi staff has promoted interracial dialogues between Catholic communities of color and PCUSA groups. These workshops, entitled “We Grow Together,” were held in major cities across the United States: St. Louis, Miami, Los Angeles, to name a few. We learned that people are eager to enter into dialogue with each other to find solutions to common issues of injustice in their areas. Our next steps are to have follow-up assessment done by the PCUSA Regional Leaders to evaluate the actions which these Catholic groups were able to accomplish. It is reasonable to believe that this approach could be a model for other Catholic parishes and groups.

Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. challenged us to become “extremists for love, justice and peace.” This takes steadfastness and persistent courage. What will Pax Christi USA look like as we continue to pursue this anti-racist identity? What will it take for Catholics to truly make dismantling racism a central focus of bringing about God’s reign of peace and justice for the next 50 years (and beyond)? God promises to be with us, and we stand on the shoulders of many sisters and brothers who have gone before us and who sacrificed their lives at great cost.

The choice is ours.

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The situation in Ferguson is not unique to St. Louis County. It is a predominant feature of our entire society. Black and brown skin have been criminalized in our culture, within our criminal justice system, our educational system, our political system, our economic system and in the hearts and minds of most people across the country. Whether white people realize it or not, there is a “Ferguson” near us. It is an invisible and unaccountable system of racial control that is every bit as deadly and disenfranchising as Jim Crow.

As a young man familiar with the history of the civil rights movement I used to imagine that if I had been older I would have answered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s call to religious leaders to come to Selma in 1965 to join in the great struggle. Now at 60-years-old I see that 1965 invitation from Dr. King just as relevant today in the call to come to Ferguson. And more importantly I see the importance of joining in the struggle for human liberation in the “Ferguson” outside my door.

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Carol Ann Breyer, PC Florida coordinator, presente!
In September, PCUSA learned that we had lost one of our most effective and trusted regional leaders, Carol Ann Breyer of Pax Christi Florida. Carol Ann served as the state coordinator for Pax Christi Florida for a number of years and was a constant presence at national events and actions, including offering her leadership during Pax Christi USA’s project bringing election observers to Florida in 2004 and most recently, at Pax Christi USA’s leadership meeting in June in Washington, D.C.

“I know that Carol Ann will be missed but I’m sure that her spirit will continue to carry on within the work of PC-Florida,” stated Sr. Patty Chappell, SNDdeN, Executive Director of Pax Christi USA upon learning of Carol Ann’s passing. “She indeed has joined the cloud of witnesses that will continue to bring about peace through non-violent transformation.”

Blue Water (MI) PC works for child refugee resolution
(from the Port Huron Times Herald) While the issue of housing Central American children in Michigan has sparked protests in some areas, a group in Port Huron is asking for compassion for their plight. “If there are children standing on our border who have been abused and trafficked, and that won’t move you to compassion, I don’t know what will,” David Frank said. A lawyer working for Blue Water Safe Horizons, Frank is a member of Blue Water Pax Christi. “It is the official international peace movement of the Catholic church,” he said. “The group locally, nationally and internationally supports peace and social justice.” Frank composed a resolution concerning the children from Central America to be presented to the Port Huron City Council at its Sept. 8 meeting.

PC Michigan welcomes new state organizer
Alison Zacharias is the new State Organizer for Pax Christi Michigan. She is very committed to the spirituality of nonviolence and passionate about Pax Christi’s Prayer/Study/Action model. She is from Canton, Michigan, and graduated in 2013 from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, with a degree in English. While at Michigan State, Alison completed an internship with Meta Peace Team, an international nonprofit peace and justice organization that seeks to pursue peace through active nonviolence and create an alternative to militarism through empowered peacemaking, where one of her primary efforts was partaking in the campaign for the closure of the Guantánamo Bay prison. Alison loves to read and write, draw and paint, travel, spend time with her cat and dogs, and is working on expanding her vegetarian cooking skills. Welcome Alison!

PC Minnesota gives thanks for the life of Mary Eoloff
Pax Christi Minnesota recently lost Mary Eoloff, a long-time member of Pax Christi USA. All of us at Pax Christi USA mourn Mary’s passing but we celebrate her life and her witness. She and her husband Nick, who passed a few months back, lived out the peace of Christ in both word and deed. Mary was a tireless advocate for world peace and a champion of nonviolent resolution to conflict. She participated in protests at the School of the Americas and was chair of the Minnesota chapter of Pax Christi USA. She and Nick were adoptive parents of Israeli prisoner of conscience Mordechai Vanunu, and together they were involved in efforts to support the people of Guatemala and Palestine.

PC New Mexico leaders interviewed on disarmament
Pax Christi New Mexico leader Bud Ryan and Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace Fr. John Dear were interviewed by KSFR 101.1FM radio in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The program is entitled “Living on the Edge” with hosts David Bacon & Xubi Wilson. Ryan and Dear talked about Pax Christi New Mexico’s Sack Cloth & Ashes Action which would later take place on August 2nd at Ashley Pond in Los Alamos. The annual vigil and action happens in remembrance of the desolation of the atomic bombings that took place in Hiroshima and Nagasaki 69 years ago.

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PC Ambassador of Peace leads action on jobs
On July 29th hundreds of low-wage federal contract workers from landmark federal buildings in our nation’s capital walked off their jobs saying the President’s recent $10.10 Executive Order is not enough to afford the American Dream. This is the 9th strike in the past year by low-wage federal contract workers at federal buildings like Union Station, the Pentagon, Smithsonian Museums, The National Zoo and the Ronald Reagan Building. In a dramatic escalation, the workers and national faith leaders, including Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace Joseph Fahey, engaged in civil disobedience in the street in front of Union Station by holding an “Interfaith Breaking of the Bread” ceremony.

PC Metro DC member acts for immigrants
More than 140 protesters, including Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore’s Bob Cooke, were arrested on August 28th outside the White House while staging a sit-down rally to demand protection from deportation for millions of illegal immigrants. The demonstrators, representing more than 20 organizations, said the arrests were part of a civil disobedience campaign aimed at putting pressure on President Barack Obama to enact broad leniency for illegal immigrant families and workers as part of his announced review of U.S. immigration policies.

PC Memphis members featured for their work with veterans
PC-Memphis members Ed Wallin and Janice Vanderhaar (PCUSA Ambassador of Peace) were featured in a recent article in The Commercial Appeal on veterans. The article includes the following: “Many of our sick and elderly veterans are being transferred from the VA to local nursing homes, which I believe are incapable of giving the best care and treatment for war-related illnesses and old wounds, including traumatized brain injuries,” said Ed Wallin, a retired Air Force chaplain. Wallin, 86, a former priest who served two tours of duty in Vietnam, is vice president of West Tennessee Veterans Home Inc., a nonprofit formed in 2010 to bring a veterans nursing home to Shelby County. Wallin and his wife, Janice Vanderhaar, a former nun and one of the community’s better-known pacifists and peace activists, are among those leading the effort. “This is a justice issue for me,” said Vanderhaar, a co-founder of the local branch of Pax Christi, a Catholic peace organization. “I’m opposed to war but not to veterans. We have a responsibility to take care of the veterans we send to war. They and their families carry a heavy burden.”

News Briefs
PC Florida coordinator Nancy O’Byrne and PC International Co-President Marie Dennis were quoted in a story in USA Today on ISIS and recent comments from Pope Francis. The new documentary on PCUSA Teacher of Peace Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, “American Prophet,” has begun principal photography … Pax Christi St. Louis has a new website at http://www.paxchrististl.org/ … In commemoration of Peace Day on September 21, Muskegon (MI) Pax Christi participated in month-long activities as part of a ’30 Days of Peace’ initiative, including the Pinwheels for Peace project, an International Day of Peace Picnic, and a Taize Prayer of Peace Service … Jubilee USA Executive Director and PCUSA Ambassador of Peace Eric LeCompte was featured on NPR’s Interfaith Voices discussing international debt … Ruth Zemek of Pax Christi Phoenix (AZ) was awarded the 2014 Casa Peace Prize along with Father Eddie Fronske, OFM, on Sept. 21 … PC El Paso hosts an excellent monthly film series focusing on peace and justice … PC St. Cloud (MN) member and director of Pax Christi’s Peace Studies e-list Ron Pagnucco has just published an excellent new book aimed at college students … PC New Jersey hosted PCUSA Teacher of Peace Colleen Kelly for an event during the anniversary week of 9/11 … PC Metro New York gathered with the peace contingent on Sept. 21 for a Peace, Justice, and Climate Rally as part of the People’s Climate March … PC Metro DC-Baltimore member Mary Liepold is in the trailer for the new movie Disruption. Look for her at the 1:28 mark … PC Fargo/Moorhead hosted an exhibit on “Boycott and Economic Activism” this fall and think that other groups might be interested too …
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joy. It is also a time of giving. Jesus tells us that it is only in giving that we receive. The Gospels encourage us to give, and to give generously—of our time, our money, and ourselves. And we know that the giver is equally changed in the act of giving. It is true that the most direct and encompassing way of finding ourselves—of finding out who we truly are—is to lose ourselves in service to others—in giving to those who are less fortunate, and to organizations such as Pax Christi who work tirelessly and non-violently to address and dismantle unjust systems.

I would ask you to seriously consider a donation of whatever you can afford to Pax Christi during this Christmas season so that we can continue our work of peace and justice. You may use the envelope included in this mailing or visit our website at www.paxchristiusa.org or call us at 202-635-2741 to make a donation. Your gift will multiply in ways unimaginable to our limited perspective, and your presence will be embodied in the presents you give.

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A Reflection for New Year’s Day, World Day of Peace, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1, 2015


The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.
When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child...
And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. (Lk 2:16-20)

Pope Paul VI once wrote a pastoral letter in which he described Mary, the Mother of God, as “truly our sister”. To think of Mary as our sister catches the attention of many today. It speaks of a woman just like us, who experienced all of the joys, fears, misgivings, convictions which womanhood and particularly motherhood bring.

From her initial assent to God’s will – “let it be with me according to your word”; to the wrenching, pain-filled birth of her Son in a stable; to her exile in Egypt with husband and child; to Jesus disappearance at age 12; to his hesitation about beginning his public life at Cana; to her concern about his over-commitment to the crowds; to his provocative and dangerous preaching; to his direct and constant condemnation of the unjust status quo; to his capture, trial and execution – his mother surely was tested over and over.

This is the strong woman of Nazareth, mother of the world’s Savior, and truly a sister to all humanity, especially to all women who stand in the forefront of struggles against sexism, racism, and classism.

~Rev. Joseph Nangle, ofm

Is sexism a concern of yours? Are you familiar with the many examples of injustice against women?

*Taken from Waking Up to God in Our Midst: Reflections for Advent 2014

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Peacemaking Quote

“...the financial crisis which we are experiencing makes us forget that its ultimate origin is to be found in a profound human crisis. In the denial of the primacy of human beings! We have created new idols. The worship of the golden calf of old has found a new and heartless image in the cult of money and the dictatorship of an economy which is faceless and lacking any truly humane goal.” -Pope Francis