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Opening Message from Father General

Greetings to everyone!

It is a pleasure to present the findings of this year's annual report.

I would like to highlight two points from it.

Firstly, the Society's collaboration with other institutions (religious communities, NGOs, multilateral agencies) through the SJES in joint efforts for political and social advocacy on global challenges, such as the right to quality education for all, justice in mining and extractive industries, supporting, defending, and empowering populations forced to migrate, and working for climate justice and integral ecology.

Secondly, I would like to emphasize the significance of this collaboration in fostering partnerships and networking among Jesuit provinces and conferences of major superiors, thereby strengthening unity across various apostolic areas. This approach is guided by the Universal Apostolic Preferences, strengthening our commitment to serving the Church in the mission of Jesus Christ.

Finally, I would like to thank God for the results presented in this annual report regarding online communication, the relevance and timeliness of the *Promotio Iustitiae* journal, and the formation efforts in the Social Doctrine of the Church. I would also like to thank the Secretariat for Social Justice and Ecology team, and the social secretaries of the Conferences of Major Superiors, for their dedication to promoting social justice and integral ecology in the name of the faith.

May the God of life bless us and help us to grow as witnesses of reconciliation and justice.

Fr. Arturo Sosa Abascal, S.J.
General Superior



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Finding God in All Things

Father of mercy and compassion,
who labors unceasingly in the fabric of all things,
we thank You for the privilege of co-laboring with You this year.
In every quiet thought and every sent email,
in every strategic action and every hidden act of goodwill,
we offer ourselves back to You.

We lift up the fruits of our hands and the intentions of our hearts,
so that they may serve Your greater glory alone.
You, who work in the silence of the human soul,
grant us the grace to distinguish Your whisper from the noise.
In recognizing You, may our lives proclaim that
Christ is risen; Christ is alive; Christ is here, among us.
Give us only Your Love and Your Grace; that is enough for us.

Amen.



The SJES: A Mission of Reconciliation and Justice

What is the Secretariat, and what is its mission?

The **Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat (SJES)** assists the Superior General in carrying out the Society of Jesus' apostolic mission, particularly in promoting social justice and reconciliation with creation.

Guided by the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), the Secretariat coordinates the activities of the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network, fostering collaboration among various apostolic areas, the Church, and other civil society organizations. In this way, it promotes the mission of reconciliation and justice as an integral part of Jesuit identity in all our apostolic ministries.

Institutional Mandate and Functions

The SJES operates under four strategic pillars that define its service to the universal mission:

1. **Service of Fr. General:** assists the General Superior in developing the apostolic mission of the Society of Jesus with regard to promoting social justice and reconciliation with creation.
2. **Coordination:** guides and coordinates global advocacy efforts, and supports the social secretaries of the Conferences of Major Superiors in fulfilling their responsibilities.
3. **Communication:** Promotes communication among the various apostolic areas, particularly social works.
4. **Interconnection:** fosters relationships and linkages between networks and works of the social apostolate and the rest of the Society of Jesus, to maintain unity in the common mission.

Instruments of Action: networks and “network-archy”

The SJES operates on the principle of ‘**network-archy**’: a collaborative organizational model that complements the institutional **hierarchy's** responsibilities. This dynamic fosters an 'operational synergy' in which the exercise of authority is enriched by the energy, creativity, and initiative of local and regional networks. This enables the Society to act as a single apostolic body.



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The Secretariat promotes the 'virtuous cycle of mission', articulating five key apostolic actions/attitudes: **accompanying** people; **serving** them in the name of faith; **reflecting** on and understanding reality; **raising awareness** in society about humanity's great challenges; and **advocating** for the rights of the poor. The task of **transforming structures so that they faithfully reflect justice and charity** emerges as the culmination of this joint effort involving all apostolic areas.

At the level of the General Curia, all of this takes shape in the leadership and coordination of the **Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN)** in four initiatives: the right to quality education for all; justice in mining and extractive industries; forced migration; and integral ecology.

2025 at a Glance

The Universal Apostolic Body



The Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN)



Integral Ecology and Climate Action (COP30)

900+

Jesuit Institutions signed the "Jesuits for Climate Justice" (JCJC) campaign for COP30.



98,000

Letters to the Earth: Educational initiative that collected letters and drawings from children and youth around the world.



Forced Migration and Justice in Mining

■ **Organization of a COP30 Blue Zone Event on "Just Energy Transition".**

1.8 million

Interactions documented worldwide impact generated by the migration network, which brings together 214 institutions.

50

Countries Reached: The large-scale campaign "Hope is the PATH" achieved coverage across five continents in 2025.

28,958

Views on Ecojesuit: The platform registered 19,579 unique visitors. Social media content generated over 213,000 views and reached 25,300 accounts.

757

Institutions in the COP30 Declaration: The "Religious Life Declaration for Climate Justice" gathered over 4,000 individual signatures.

2,200+

Individuals submitted declarations to official COP30 delegations in more than 91 countries.

400

United Catholic Organizations: In the Justice in Mining sector, signatures were secured for the Catholic Declaration for COP30 and an open letter to the Pope on extractivism.



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1,782

Participants in Teaching Tuesdays:

Global training initiative with translations in English, Spanish, and French.

Teaching *Tuesdays*

49

Years of *Promotio Iustitiae*: The publication reached its 138th volume with 5,626 regular subscribers.

PROMOTIO
IUSTITIAE 138

GC 32-36: A Journey of Justice and Reconciliation

**Right to Education and
SJES Initiatives**



100,000

Children from the most marginalized communities (Dalits and Adivasis) **in India:** provided with supplementary education through 100+ partners across 15 states in India, united in SANKALP / JCSA

15+ **Countries and 20 high-level mobilizations,** public events, marches, and policy engagement actions advanced the "**For the Right to Learn**" campaign led by Fe y Alegría.

**Future Perspectives and
Priorities (2026-2027)**



Global Assessment (2026-2027):

A survey on socio-ecological vitality is set to be carried out to properly map the vast Jesuit network of 2,554 institutions worldwide.

Collaborations across the GIAN Initiatives and external partners,

such as the "Religious Life for Climate Justice" Working Group, will continue to be developed and implemented on the road to COP31.

The Jesuits for Climate Justice Campaign **will continue to focus on three main advocacy and policy priorities:**

- 1. Establishing a clear path for a just energy transition** that ensures no one is left behind, guided by the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
- 2. Increasing funding for countries with higher scores on the Environmental Vulnerability** component of the UN Multidimensional Vulnerability Index, ensuring adequate, primarily grant-based support to address the serious impacts of climate change, while avoiding additional debt burdens.
- 3. Setting clear goals to build global food systems focused on food sovereignty and agroecological practices,** encouraging culturally adapted methods for production, processing, distribution, and consumption.



The Universal Apostolic Body: Regional Highlights

Overview of the Conferences

Global State of the Mission

The year 2025 placed the mission of Social and Ecological Justice before a landscape that demands deep and adaptive responses. The six Conferences of Major Superiors of the Society of Jesus continue to face a scenario marked by alarming structural inequality and unprecedented forced displacement. Despite democratic setbacks, militarized borders, and restrictive legislation, the institutional work continues to demonstrate strong resilience and coordination. In the face of a complex sociopolitical climate and evident ecological degradation, operational strategies prioritize defending rights, strengthening public advocacy, and supporting climate adaptation in vulnerable communities.

Global Overview of Campaigns and Outcomes

Across all territories where the Society is present, a shared effort is evident. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the Conference of Provincials of Latin America and the Caribbean (CPAL) certified nearly 200 people through the *Diploma Program in Integral Ecology and Socio-environmental Justice*. At the same time, the region coordinated logistics for participation in COP30 and provided decisive support to the continental assembly of the Jesuit Migrants Network.

Across the Atlantic, the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) demonstrated remarkable organizational capacity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through its campaign, *"Une bougie pour une femme victime."* This initiative raised USD 11,385, CAD 4,000, and 4,500 Congolese francs, strengthening the economic resilience of 80 vulnerable women. Along the same lines, in response to the water emergency, 7 resilient boreholes were drilled in Zambia, and 1,500 hectares of fruit trees were cultivated.

For its part, the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific (JCAP) focused its technical work on consolidating ecological justice platforms, promoting climate adaptation, and directly assisting vulnerable communities and refugees in ways that affirm their dignity. Its diverse interventions place a strong emphasis on strengthening community resilience and technical training amid unstable political and regulatory environments that restrict operational freedom.

The Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States (JCCU) responded to aggressive anti-migration legislation by taking part in multiple public demonstrations and prayer services.



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Its milestones include the first Ecology Assembly held in Chicago, the rollout of the *Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation* campaign, and the incorporation of policies on the responsible use of artificial intelligence.

In Europe, the Jesuit Conference of European Provincials (JCEP) sustained the *One Proposal* program focused on Ukraine, reaching nearly 150,000 people. Complementing this, the Xavier Network operated development and emergency projects in 87 countries of the Global South. In the field of public advocacy, its network of Social Centers successfully advanced the *Future Generations Initiative* campaign, directly influencing the European Commission's Intergenerational Fairness Strategy.

Finally, the Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JCSA) mobilized 238 full-time Jesuits across 133 Social Centers, together with 1,023 lay collaborators and 1,302 grassroots women collaborators. Its educational program, SANKALP, benefited approximately 100,000 excluded students, while the ESP (Lok Manch) program to promote the protection of labor rights reached 88 organizations.

Challenges and Outlook

To consolidate these valuable advances, the various apostolic works face unavoidable challenges: addressing the chronic shortfall in sustainable funding, overcoming severe government restrictions, widening the row of alliances and collaboration, strengthening the spiritual foundation of our everyday mission, and improving operational agility amid bureaucratic structures. To do so, it is imperative to strengthen jesuit internal cross-areas (sectors) collaboration and integrate new government and administrative practices. All the Conferences now reaffirm a formal commitment to maximizing institutional viability while defending integral human dignity in the face of contemporary systemic injustices that threaten human dignity, peace now and in the future.



Jesuit Conference of Major Superiors in Africa and Madagascar (JCAM)

Brief summary of the report

By: Fr. Rampeoane Hlobo, S.J.

Social situation in the JCAM:

The global context is currently marked by **unprecedented forced displacement** driven by a complex interplay of violent conflict, climate crises, and deep structural inequalities. GIAN Migration faces severe challenges from **hardening border restrictions, the externalization of asylum policies, and dehumanizing nationalist narratives** that increasingly criminalize those seeking safety. Additionally, a **growing crisis in international cooperation** and significant funding cuts are undermining the multilateral frameworks intended to protect human rights. Conversely, opportunities emerge from the **extraordinary resilience and economic contributions** of migrants, who revitalize labor markets and enrich the social fabric of host communities. Finally, the current context offers a unique opportunity for **strategic reinvention through global intersectoral networking** and a deeper intersectional understanding of migration justice.

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Developing and Strengthening Networking and Collaboration:

A key priority for the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) is to strengthen collaboration and networking both within and across Provinces. The Justice and Ecology Office (JEO) has been promoting this through provincial assemblies. Some Provinces have already established or benefited from such structures. For example, the MDG Conference has long had its Journées Sociales, while ANW and SAP only started in 2025. These assemblies bring together Jesuits, lay collaborators, and key apostolic partners engaged in the social apostolate, as well as those involved in social and ecological initiatives across ministries—including educational institutions, pastoral works, and Ignatian Spirituality Centers. They provide a space to discern, reflect, and plan collectively, strengthening a shared mission and vision.

2. Access to Water and Sanitation:

Despite the challenging JCAM context, the Society of Jesus' response in social and ecological justice has been a source of hope and resilience for the communities we accompany across the 34 countries of our Conference. With Sub-Saharan Africa still at



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less than 40% toward achieving SDG 6.1 (universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030), Jesuits and their partners in mission have taken concrete steps to address the water crisis. These initiatives range from promoting community awareness of the human right to water to drilling boreholes that provide access to water for schools, villages, and marginalized communities. Other efforts include establishing laboratories to analyze water, soil, and air pollution—particularly in mining-affected areas—and supporting targeted, evidence-based advocacy. Across both rural and urban settings, Jesuits and their collaborators are working to improve access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), contributing meaningfully to human dignity and integral development.

3. Strong Individual Apostolates but Limited Collaboration:

Across JCAM, there are numerous effective and impactful Jesuit and Jesuit-led initiatives responding to social and ecological challenges—not least in areas such as access to water and agroecology. However, these efforts often remain isolated. There is still limited collaboration and networking both within Provinces and at the Conference level. Strengthening these connections remains an urgent priority to enhance collective impact, share best practices, and build a more coordinated and sustainable response to the pressing challenges facing Africa and Madagascar.

JCAM contribution toward SJES Annual Report for 2025

The year 2025 saw the winds of change blowing through the social apostolate office of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM). At the beginning of the year, Fr. Rampeoane (Rampe) Hlobo SJ was appointed to succeed Fr. Charles Chilufya SJ, who had been the director of the Justice and Ecology Network Africa (JENA) and Justice and Ecology Office (JEO) for the past seven years. Later on in the year, Fr. Mwamba Mutale SJ was appointed as Africa Representative in GIAN Ecojustice and Coordinator of the JCAM Ecology Thematic Working Group, while Fr. Bernard Jado SJ was appointed as JCAM Representative in GIAN Migration and Coordinator of the JCAM Migration Working Group. The social apostolate itself is also in a transition period from JENA to JEO to better align with international Jesuit nomenclature and arrangements.

Following JENA Team's strategic plan and this transition in leadership, we have identified a critical need to shift focus to:

- Increased collaboration and strengthening of networking within and with the Provinces through the Provinces' assemblies.



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- Strengthening advocacy and capacity building at all levels on strategic thematic areas in alignment with the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN): mining, migration, education, and ecology.
- Enhancing advocacy in global spaces through participation in regional and global platforms, including the AU, Episcopal Conferences, Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), and COP.

While work is already underway in areas such as ecology, migration, and water advocacy within JCAM, collaboration remains a challenge within and between Provinces, and engagement of younger Jesuits in the social apostolate could be stronger to ensure a better succession plan and greater continuity of service.



Jesuit Conference of Major Superiors in Asia Pacific (JCAP) JCAP Social Ministries Report

By: Julie Edwards

1. What is our social situation?

The social situation in the JCAP region is **complex, volatile, and increasingly constrained**, shaped by interacting social, political, economic, and ecological pressures. JCAP is the most diverse among the Conferences of Major Superiors across political, economic, religious, and cultural dimensions.

Common elements include:

- **Widening inequality and poverty**, exacerbated by cost-of-living pressures, housing crises, and fragile livelihoods (Australia, Cambodia, regional overviews).
- **Restrictive or unstable political environments**, particularly in parts of Asia where civil society space is narrowing (Mainland China, Thailand, Cambodia), limit advocacy and require adaptive or indirect engagement to achieve influencing aims.
- **Conflict, displacement, and migration**, including refugee flows linked to war, militarisation, nationalism, and regional instability (Myanmar, Middle East spillover effects, border conflicts).
- **Climate vulnerability** is a defining regional reality, with ecological degradation, extractive industries, delayed climate action, and increasing climate-induced displacement affecting communities and ministries.
- **Social fragmentation and “othering”** are seen in punitive approaches to young people in the youth justice system, declining tolerance of difference, racism, and social polarisation.

Overall, the social reality is one in which **structural injustice, ecological threat, and political constraint intersect**, placing the greatest burden on marginalized communities while also shaping how Jesuit work can operate.

2. What are our main apostolic efforts and actions (highlights for 2025)?

Many social ministries in JCAP prioritize **accompanying vulnerable communities**, including refugees and asylum seekers, people in the criminal justice system, and communities affected by



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conflict, displacement, or disaster. These efforts are characterized by an approach that affirms human dignity, often combined with practical assistance.

Ecological justice is **increasingly a focus** and is expressed through regional and local ecological justice platforms; climate adaptation and community resilience work; formation, training, and practical guides that translate integral ecology into frontline practice; and engagement with global Church and civil society processes (e.g., COP-related work, international forums).

Where political space allows, social ministries engage in advocacy campaigns and public discourse (especially in Australia) and form strategic alliances with civil society, church bodies, and government actors. In more restrictive contexts, advocacy is pursued indirectly through networks, research, formation, and relationship-building.

Across the region, there are collective efforts to strengthen **JCAP and cross-province collaboration**; capacity building; leadership development; safeguarding; research; learning; and storytelling to amplify impact and shared identity.

3. What are our challenges and outlook for the future?

Across contexts, social ministries face a number of similar challenges:

- **Funding insecurity**, particularly the difficulty of securing sustainable, flexible (untied) resources
- **Human resource constraints**, including 'overstretched' Jesuits and collaborators, and the need for formation
- **Political and regulatory restrictions** limit advocacy and operational freedom
- **Scale and complexity of need**, especially as climate change, migration, and inequality intensify
- **Risk of fragmentation**, silos, and transactional modes of work undermining deeper accompaniment.

Despite these challenges, the overall outlook is **measured but hopeful**:

- Many see current pressures as an **invitation to renewal**, deeper integration of ecology and justice, and more intentional apostolic planning
- Emphasis is placed on **realism about capacity**, focusing on depth, quality, and faithfulness to mission rather than over-extension.



Jesuit Conference of Major Superiors in Canada and the U.S. (JCCU)

By: Fr. Christopher Kellerman, S.J.

It is a difficult time in the United States and Canada in the pursuit of social justice. Even the term "social justice" is increasingly viewed with scorn in the United States, and many of the pursuits that we consider essential to our Catholic faith (racial justice, care for our common home, welcoming the immigrant, international aid) have been systematically dismantled at the government level and disparaged at the cultural level. Both Canada and the U.S. have seen anti-immigrant sentiments and legislation come to the fore.

The anti-immigrant movement has most impacted our apostolates, with parishes and schools needing to make plans for how to protect their families while abiding by the law, and with border apostolates being looked upon as deviant operations of human and drug trafficking. Canada has seen an increase in poverty rates since 2023, and indigenous peoples in both countries continue to suffer poverty at alarming rates. Additionally, the US government's dramatic shift in its relationship to Canada has pushed the Canadian government towards a major recalibration of Canada's economic, international, trade, and military relations.

In the midst of all of this, the Jesuit network across the conference only increased its social justice activities. June 17-20 saw our first Ecology Assembly in Chicago, IL, bringing together ecological practitioners from various apostolates. This led to widespread participation in a collaborative campaign, Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation, during the Season of Creation. We began to see, this year, more communication on ecology among different apostolates than ever before, but we know there is still much more work to do to build sustainable structures. In the midst of the immigration crisis, the network took action by participating in numerous public demonstrations and prayer services across multiple national campaigns.

The Office of Justice and Ecology, along with JRS/USA, hosted several webinars on migrant-related topics for our apostolates, and the migration network of the U.S. and Canada held its annual meeting in Miami. OJE also added two new policy areas to its work: the responsible usage of artificial intelligence and the promotion of international peace, religious liberty, and integral human development. On these and other issues, OJE continues to collaborate with Catholic, ecumenical, interfaith, and secular organizations. Unfortunately, many of the Canadian social apostolates are struggling financially, though Canadian Jesuits International has been strong, supporting both established and incipient social justice initiatives ranging from established networks such as JRS to the Latin America Jesuit network to the indigenous pastoral and solidarity network, as well as engaging in resistance to mining.

In the year ahead, we expect many of the current societal challenges to continue. We plan to continue doing our best to affirm the dignity of migrants and help our apostolates serve them, to expand our work in the ecological sphere, and to continue our evangelizing efforts by teaching about the connection between faith and justice.



Jesuit Conference of European Provincials (JCEP)

By: Fr. Filipe Martins, S.J.

1. Social situation

Europe's current geopolitical situation is heavily marked, on one hand, by the **ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine**, with the EU providing strong military and financial support to Ukraine. With the new "territorial ambitions" of Russia, several traditional non-aligned countries, like Sweden and Finland, joined NATO, with Iceland and Norway considering joining the EU. On the other hand, in the aftermath of the new US administration and its unstable policies in areas such as global economy, international politics (where "might is right") and climate change, the EU (a block that includes 27 of the 44 European countries) understood it's on its own, and while the "Green Deal" was the main compass during the 2019-2024 period, **"competitiveness" is now the new "name of the game"**, in a multipolar world where traditional human-rights and multilateral rules no longer seem to apply. Also, **anti-migration rhetoric** is being used by far-right parties all over the continent, and **"illiberal democratic" forms of government** are on the rise.

2. Main apostolic efforts and actions (highlights for 2025)

When it comes to the main social-environmental efforts and actions in 2025:

JRS-Europe maintained the Ukraine-focused "One proposal" program, with activities in Ukraine and neighboring countries reaching nearly 150 thousand people in 2025. The 23 JRS country offices in Europe continued work on detention centers, access to protection, social inclusion, and awareness-raising, and approved a new 2026-2030 Strategic Framework.

As for the **Xavier Network** (XN), composed of 14 mission offices from Europe, North America, and Australia working on development and emergency, it runs projects in 87 Global South countries. Apart from new emergency responses to war and natural disasters, the Xavier Network continued in 2025 to reflect on its identity and mission, while reinforcing its collaboration with the two other Jesuit global networks, JRS International and Fe y Alegria.

Aside from the JRS and XN work, 14 of the 16 European Jesuit provinces have **social delegates and coordination teams** in place, with c.150 local and national institutions providing a wide range of social services to vulnerable people. There's a **similar group of European eco-delegates and teams**, and several Provinces (like EOF, BRI, EUM, ECE, and others) designed and are implementing UAP4-inspired transition plans.

JCEP also has a small **network of Social Centers**, focused on research, awareness raising and advocacy, which organized an Ignatian Social Teaching Week in June 2025. Several of these Centers engaged in a JESC-led, successful Future Generations Initiative EU advocacy



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campaign that brought together 30+ faith-based and non-faith-based actors, who collaborated closely with the European Commission, resulting in the Intergenerational Fairness Strategy in early 2026.

Finally, several European Jesuit institutions (such as IESC in Brussels, ICFI in Dublin, and Jesuit Missions UK), Provinces (like EOF), and Ignatian movements (like CLC Europe) engaged in the global COP30 Jesuits for Climate Justice campaign.

3. Challenges and outlook (looking to the future)

Europe can be considered a continent where most people enjoy a good standard of living, with free access to education, health, and civil liberties. With the new economic and geopolitical constraints described above, the question is how Europe can continue to “be faithful to its values and lead by example” (as its leaders like to stress), engaging in both a fair global social-environmental transition and a continued fruitful support to the most vulnerable people in both the continent and in the developing countries of the Global South.

The Society of Jesus in Europe is called to remain pastorally and socially engaged to this effort, and current challenges are the diminishing number of Jesuits, the formation of lay partners (many of which are now committed directors and network coordinators) in identity and mission, the financial sustainability of many social institutions in a context of shrinking funding, the strengthening of advocacy work both at national and international level, and - last but not least - the testimonial and commitment of Jesuits and lay partners alike in “being the change we want to see” in the European society (to which ongoing reflections from both the social and the eco-delegates aim to contribute).



Conference of Jesuit Provincials in Latin America and the Caribbean (CPAL)

By: Agnaldo Pereira de Oliveira Júnior, S.J.

What is the status of social justice in the region?

In Latin America and the Caribbean, four elements of the turbulent regional context remain constant: a) the persistence of structural inequality; b) a severe crisis of security and violence; c) the worsening crisis in the protection of the forcibly displaced; d) the intensification of environmental degradation.

1. Structural Inequality: Latin America is one of the most unequal regions in the world. This is linked to various factors, such as the lack of taxation on large fortunes, informal employment, and the precarious living conditions of millions of families; gender inequality (the feminization of poverty), corruption, and the significantly low quality of education offered to the majority of the population.

2. Decreasing Security and Increasing Violence: An element that is closely linked to historically high homicide rates, the presence of organized crime throughout the region, and the rise of narco-states and illicit trade.

3. Lack of protection for forcibly displaced persons: In addition to the militarisation of borders, 2025 dealt a devastating blow to people on the move, migrants, and refugees in the region. The cut in U.S. government funding for organizations supporting these populations led to migrants becoming stranded en route, forced returns, and reverse migration.

4. Environmental Degradation: Excessive exploitation of natural resources and deforestation (especially in the Amazon) affect not only the local, regional, and global climate but also provoke violent conflicts, which often affect indigenous and rural communities fighting to protect their ancestral territories.

Highlights for 2025: What were our Main Apostolic Efforts and Initiatives?

Certificate Program in Integral Ecology and Socio-Environmental Justice for staff members of the networks of Social Centers, Jesuits with Migrants, Comparte, Fe y Alegría, Solidaridad, and the Indigenous Apostolate. This collaborative effort among networks enabled the training of nearly 200 people. It is important to highlight the partnership with Javeriana University, which provided a valuable training platform. The second cohort is already being organized.



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Progress in structuring the Pan-Amazonian Jesuit Service (SJPAM). Creation of a mission coordination group among the seven provinces with Amazonian territory, which helped to further engage the provincials, their provinces, and the conference in the challenges and hopes of our mission in the Amazon.

Greater collaboration among networks: the Solidarity and Indigenous Apostolate Network, the Pan-Amazonian Jesuit Service, and the Latin American and Caribbean Radio Network, which has enabled the identification of common initiatives and better utilization of the potential that the Radio Network can offer to the provinces and other networks of the conference.

Logistical organization for COP30 in the Amazon. Hosting the team of Jesuits and laypeople who participated in person in Belém during the days of COP30.

The Gender and Equality Group continues to move toward **greater dialogue and the mainstreaming of the gender perspective across the conference's provinces and networks.**

Continental Assembly of the Jesuit Network with Migrants and strengthening of the network's coordinating team, with the participation of the Jesuit Conference of the United States and Canada (JCCU), to foster a more coordinated continental mission.

Lastly, an **assembly of the Network of Parishes and Churches Entrusted to the Society** was held. As a result, it is organizing an initiative for learning and dialogue by forming communities of practice related to the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs).

What are our challenges and prospects for the future?

- In the face of increasing structural inequality, the CPAL feels it needs to reorganize the Network of Social Centers to better serve the provinces and the region in the areas identified in its mission: human rights and democracy; alternative economic models; and integral ecology.
- Regarding the challenge of continuing to accompany forcibly displaced person, migrants, and refugees, the need to restructure the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Latin America and strengthen its coordination with the Jesuit Network with Migrants has become apparent. This is a shared mission between the two conferences: JCCU and CPAL.
- In response to the challenge of building regional insecurity and violence, we must systematize the positive experience of the National Dialogue for Peace in the Mexican province. This is a pluralistic movement in Mexico that brings together individuals,



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communities, and institutions committed to peacebuilding to improve security, justice, and the social fabric. We hope to reproduce this best practice to enhance social cohesion.

- Finally, in light of the reality of environmental degradation, we aim to continue the certificate program in Integral Ecology and Socio-Environmental Justice. Nevertheless, increasing the visibility of good ecological practices at the conference and achieving greater impact on the ecological conversion of our provinces and networks remain the central goals for confronting the climate crisis and its effects on the region.



Jesuit Conference of Major Superiors in South Asia (JCSA)

By: Jerald D Souza, S.J.

Main points of the external and internal context of South Asia:

1. The dictatorial democracy: All undemocratic structures and systems are being introduced by the present government in the name of democracy. The introduction of anti-conversion law amendments to FCRA laws is a real example.
2. Development policies are in the hands of a select few, bridging the gap between the rich and the poor. The unemployment rate is rising.
3. The electoral mapping exercise is a manipulated and biased process resulting in victimizing the minority communities.
4. The federal system in India is at stake. The centre continually attempting to have supremacy over the states.

SJ Internal:

1. The dwindling number of vocations is a concern in South Asia.
2. The works are overinstitutionalised, and hence the spirit of advocacy is decreasing.
3. It is becoming increasingly difficult to address confrontational issues.
4. There is a need for restructuring to address issues of national character.

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Context

While the external context of South Asia is alarming with the degradation of democracy and constitutional values, the Jesuit Conference (JCSA) is undergoing a restructuring process, keeping in mind the context, numbers and existing apostolates. There is a fear that we will get into maintenance mode rather than active mode. The social action ministry faces even greater difficulties, both external and internal.

There are 133 Social Centers. According to recent records, there are 238 Jesuits engaged full-time and 270 engaged part-time in the social action ministry, 123 religious women (102 full-time + 21 part-time), 1,023 laymen collaborators in this ministry (616 full-time + 407 part-time) and 1302 women lay collaborators (628 full-time + 674 part-time) at the grassroots level to empower people and promote community leaders, so they can access their own rights and entitlements.



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In general, the Social Centers are addressing issues such as women, children, slum and forest dwellers, migrants, indigenous, lower caste people, unorganized youth, and workers' rights. Among their main activities are: human and social formation, promoting organization, legal awareness and aid, supplementary education, training programs, human rights campaigns, etc. Different national or regional (zonal) programs give coherence and bring networking into the social action:

Ensuring Social Protection (ESP)

Also known as Lok Manch, ESP is a program run by a Facilitating Team in the Indian Social Institute, Delhi, comprising a Director, National Coordinator, Program Officer, and Campaign and Communication Officer covering 88 organizations.

The program is in its fourth phase. It focuses on the Right to Health and Right to Work at the National Level and State-specific issues at the state level for its interventions. It also continues to promote community leadership so that the target groups have better access to their rights and entitlements, such as the right to food, education, housing, water, sanitation and hygiene, mid-day meals, widow pensions, and old-age pensions.

SANKALP (Quality Education)

The Conference Coordinator is making good efforts to coordinate activities across different Provinces. He has contacted 10 Provinces where various forms of non-formal education are underway, e.g., coaching classes, evening study centers, supplementary education, etc.; in some cases, this is the only education the students receive. According to the statistics provided, approximately 100,000 students are benefiting from such centers. There is a plan to focus on government schools in the Central Zone Provinces to improve their functioning through awareness-building and supplementary classes.

The pedagogy and content of SANKALP aim to address many forms of exclusion that marginalized students face. The effort is to support children to have a school-friendly atmosphere and help them to come out of their fear, discrimination and isolation, inferiority complex, etc., and accompany the drop-outs who are denied opportunities. **Future plans include:** preparation of a Sankalp handbook containing the vision, goals, objectives, and activities; preparation of a syllabus and modules for teacher training and for teaching students; a committee of zonal social action coordinators; a centralized resource support system (zonal or conference level) to ensure continuity and to have men with greater vision and creativity; and regular online and in-person visits.

Integral Ecology

The Conference Coordinator has been regularly interacting with the Province Coordinators. The first annual meeting at the Conference level was held in Chennai on 21-23 March, 2025, during



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which delegates shared the ecological initiatives undertaken in the Provinces. A plan was made in this meeting with a view to COP 30 for advocacy on climate justice.

Considering the urgency of the situation, a Conference Policy on Ecological has been published and circulated for implementation. The Conference Coordinator participated in COP 30 wherein four important issues were taken up for campaign and advocacy: (1) Cancelling the debts of poor countries, (2) Strengthening the Loss and Damage Fund (LDF) by allocating sufficient resources to tackle the severe effects of climate change, (3) Set targets for a just energy transition that aims to reduce CO2 emissions, (4) Set clear goals to develop a global food system based on food sovereignty and agroecological practices. The annual meeting for 2026 is scheduled to be held on 17-18-19 April, 2025.

Migrants Assistance Information Network (MAIN)

It is doing a very good job, and a lot of inter-provincial collaboration is happening between the source and destination States as well as the exchange of personnel. It has not been able to address the whole issue of migrants, but it supports distressed migrants, those in contact, and those linked with the MAIN Community Leaders. It is tedious work, but all the Hub Directors and Community Leaders are doing very good work with the help of the local administration and CSOs. The challenges stem from the country's socio-economic and political hostility. The security of the MAIN community link workers remains a concern.

Justice In Mining (JIM)

A reorganization process is underway to facilitate the integration of Justice in Mining as a working group within integral ecology. The mining and displacement are very active in the Central Zone Provinces of Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. This is essentially an advocacy effort with the government, which is full of risks. In 2025, there was a plan to strengthen the network and identify common priorities. Regular field visits, organizing capacity building programs and strengthening the traditional local government system continue.

A guidebook has been published to support reflection and action, helping organizations accompany communities affected by mining in advocating for the defense of human rights, peace, and integral ecology. In 2025, the focus was on strengthening the capacities of members and finalizing plan for 2025-2027. The stress is on the field visits, awareness program, networking with community leaders, Catholic Church and mining, networking with ICAN, LRA, CPM Jharkhand, MIRA, Azadi Bachao Abhiyan, etc.

Jesuits Ministry Among Indigenous Peoples (JEMAI)

It as a collaborative venture of all the Provinces who are working for the indigenous peoples along the lines of common issues/challenges: research on customary laws and



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codification, as has been done in Gujrat, building socio-political awareness among the tribals, promoting legal rights and cultural rights, inclusion of the **North East must be part of the ministry among the indigenous peoples**, work in relation to Scheduled Areas and PESA Act should be reinvigorated.

Adivasi Jeevan Vikas Sanstha (AJVS)

Adivasi Jeevan Vikas Sanstha is a Registered Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and is situated in the National Capital, the territory of Delhi. Adivasi Jeevan Vikas Sanstha (AJVS) was an initiative of the former JESA (Jesuit Social Action) Secretary, Fr. Tom Kavalakatt, SJ, for the welfare of the tribal women who come to Delhi in search of work. It took a concrete shape during the time of Fr. Joseph Xavier, SJ, who arranged for a flat in Sidhartha Extension, as a transit house and Help Desk for the working girls. The AJVS was registered in 2002 and continues to add feathers to its cap through its intensive good work. The Indian Social Institute, Delhi, has been very generous in providing its premises and assets for the welfare of women.

The main activities of AJVS can be summed up as enrolling tribal women in the organization and employing them in a suitable work environment with a decent salary commensurate with their skills and capabilities. The Society of Jesus sponsors many skill-development events, awareness programs, and capacity-building sessions throughout the year. It provides accommodation for unemployed women, helps them get employment, and encourages collaborative activities with other like-minded organizations. Cultural activities are conducted to encourage them to preserve and promote their own culture; there is an educational trip outside Delhi once a year. The women are financially empowered, work to uplift their families, and sponsor their children's education.

Reimagining and Restructuring

The process of Reimagination and Restructuring (RR), initiated by the Jesuit Conference of South Asia, is an opportunity to revisit and review the current status of the Social Action Ministry (SAM) and to reimagine and restructure it in today's changing context to make meaningful and fruitful interventions. Important challenges are ahead: sustainability of Social Action Ministry (SAM) from the perspectives of personnel and finance, networking and collaboration specifically with research and publication, and other like-minded CBOs, CSOs, social and intellectual activists, having a team at the center to address national issues, and strengthening think tanks at the Provincial and Secretariat levels. The audit and assessment of SAM is a precondition for the Reimagination and Restructuring of the ministry for better impacts and effectiveness today; the Provinces are at different levels.



From the Field:

The Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN)

GIAN Initiatives Consolidated Report

One Body, One Shared Mission

Based on the mandate of Father General, Arturo Sosa, S.J., the **Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN)** functions as a global platform in which apostolic institutions from around the world—schools, social centers, parishes, universities, radio stations, retreat houses, etc.—participate, uniting their voices and resources to strengthen their advocacy efforts at various levels.

Its purpose is transformative: it is not merely about accompanying and serving those who suffer the consequences of injustice, but about advocating to change the root causes of that injustice.

Through its initiatives, the GIAN shares information, fosters a common vision, and strengthens the advocacy capacities of participating institutions, while simultaneously convening and encouraging global action. We connect knowledge and resources to propose real change and increase our capacity to influence public policy in favor of social justice and integral ecology.

The alarming number of forcibly displaced persons—more than 117 million people, according to the latest reports from the IOM—along with the challenges arising from the growing corruption of social and political institutions; the rise of nationalism and ideological fundamentalisms, including religious one; the widening economic gap between rich and poor; the shift in traditional concepts of work, family, and gender roles; the alarming climate crisis that threatens to destroy the conditions necessary for human life across vast swathes of the earth, etc., among many others, are elements of a crisis we are called to face together.

In this complex context, the four initiatives of the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN) are the response that the Society of Jesus has decided to offer in the context of a faith that seeks justice.

The GIAN initiatives have been structured around four global challenges: defending the rights of all forcibly displaced persons, collaborating to care for our Common Home, ensuring justice in mining and natural resource extraction operations, and the right to quality education. It is not a matter of inventing new projects, but of agreeing to act in a coordinated manner at the global level on the causes that generate suffering, pain, and injustice at the intersection of these four thematic areas: education, mining, forced migration, and socio-environmental justice.



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“No one is saved alone,” Pope Francis repeated since the beginning of his pontificate, and although “we are all in the same boat,” few are on the deck and upper decks enjoying the journey, while the vast majority wear themselves out and lose their lives in the ship’s hold, so often rendered invisible. Working together and in coordination with many other social actors, both within and outside the faith-based sector, is the best way to achieve real impact in the face of challenges that know no borders.

Through collaboration and networking, we have been able to make significant strides and increase the impact of our actions as a universal apostolic body throughout 2025. Most notably:

1. **The Justice in Mining Initiative** carried out a robust advocacy campaign to strategically engage at least **21 institutions** from the six Conferences of Major Superiors. In April 2025, it organized an online event titled “*The Extraction of Critical Minerals and Land Grabbing from the Perspective of Indigenous Peoples*,” which coincided with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples Issues. In July 2025, the network presented, via a webinar, the document “*Pastoral Guidelines of the Catholic Churches on Mining*,” the result of a collaboration with the Churches and Mining Network, which offered pastoral guidelines for Catholic institutions operating in territories affected by mining. Most recently, it has actively collaborated in the drafting and production of a document titled “*Open Letter for a Samaritan Church: Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth*,” which, in April 2026, called on Pope Leo XIV to include the voices of communities affected by extractivism in the dialogues promoted in and from the Vatican with representatives of the mining industry.
2. **The Forced Migration Initiative** involved **214 institutions from various apostolic sectors** through the six Conferences of Major Superiors. Its massive **campaign “Hope is the PATH”** (2025) successfully reached **50 countries**, generating a documented impact of **over 1.8 million global interactions**, and has actively participated in advocacy processes at major international forums and multilateral discussions such as **Cartagena+40**, as well as in campaigns like “**Dear European Parliament**.”
3. **The Right to Education Initiative** had a significant impact thanks to the efforts of its participants, such as the “**For the Right to Learn**” **campaign** led by Fe y Alegría in more than **15 countries**, with **20 high-level mobilizations**. Another great effort was that of the work carried out by **SANKALP**, of the Conference of Provincials of South Asia, which successfully provided supplementary education services to more than **100,000 children from the most marginalized communities** (Dalits and Adivasis), operating with **more than 100 partners across 15 states in India**.
4. Lastly, the GIAN Integral Ecology Initiative took the lead in 2025—with the active participation of institutions from other apostolic areas—in the **Society of Jesus’ first global environmental campaign in preparation for the COP30 in Brazil** (with an in-person delegation of 27 people, including Jesuits and other collaborators). The “**Jesuits for Climate Justice**” campaign and numerous awareness-raising materials



made for a significant year of integral ecology advocacy (both internal and external to the Society of Jesus).

Plans for the future

In the immediate future, the GIAN Initiatives face numerous challenges:

- The Justice in Mining initiative must address the persistent tension between local communities of practice and the urgent need for advocacy at the regional and global levels, and to this end, it will implement its Global Strategic Plan.
- The Right to Education initiative is taking on the challenge of establishing a joint and coordinated presence at the UN headquarters in Geneva to promote a shared position on global education financing.
- The Forced Migration initiative has set out to strengthen its commitment through concrete actions that ensure migrants and displaced persons have a say in decision-making processes, and to pursue a strategic reinvention by promoting global cross-sectoral networks for more in-depth advocacy in response to the challenge of forced displacement.
- The Integral Ecology initiative aims to deepen academic partnerships by mapping internal capacities and promoting concrete actions both at the local level and through its participation in international forums such as the COP31 process, while its three working groups continue to navigate a strategic process of discernment for cohesion and sustainability.

If we wish to continue on this path of moving from words and statements to concrete and consistent action, ensuring not only results in terms of activities but also impacts that improve public policy, we need to strengthen our capacity to carry out advocacy efforts that are increasingly unified, yet differentiated. This requires all of us to have a great capacity to collaborate within the Society of Jesus and across the faith-based sector, but also—and fundamentally—with civil society organizations that are fighting for goals that are also our own, in an attitude of humility and fraternity, without renouncing our faith-based mission.



INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

The GIAN Integral Ecology initiative decided, at its meeting in Luzaka 2024, to work in three main thematic working groups and to concentrate its efforts on the preparation for and participation in the COP30 process, which was to be held in November 2025 in Brazil. The three major thematic groups were created at the end of 2024: one on Climate Finances, the second on Food Systems, and the third on Indigenous Populations and Climate challenges. According to the vocation of the GIAN initiatives, each group convened Jesuit and Jesuit-related institutions dealing with those three thematic areas. Each one has been struggling with different levels of success in the articulation of common activities.

The three thematic working groups have the following initial objectives.

- Mapping of Jesuits, Jesuit institutions, and Jesuit centers working on these thematic areas.
- Strengthen networking, establish strategic alliances, share best practices, and enrich through mutual sharing and learning.
- Strengthen thematic collaboration across regions while ensuring that the work remains rooted in both local realities and global advocacy priorities.
- Advocate for national and regional policies on sustainable economic models, food systems, the green transition, and the protection of the rights and livelihoods of indigenous people.
- Enhance global thinking, reflection, and action on these themes.
- Engage with field experts and research partners.

At the same time, some of the members of those three groups and the new coordination of the GIAN Integral Ecology initiative, Fr. John Kennedy, s.j. (MAD), were deeply engaged in the preparation and participation of the Society of Jesus in COP30.

COP 30 preparation and advocacy participation

Since February 2025, the partners from different apostolic areas and the 6 Conferences of Major Superiors had prepared themselves for the COP30 processes, including the SB63-BONN meeting held in June 2025. A variety of pedagogical materials was prepared to raise awareness about the importance of wide participation in COP30: a common Statement called "Jesuits for Climate Justice", accompanied by a Policy Brief, was released around April 2025, and was signed by more than 900 Jesuit institutions. It became the basic framework document of all the activities we developed last year:



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1. Pedagogical material for children and youth; available at <https://www.ecojesuit.com/letters-to-the-earth/>
2. Campaign "Letters to the Earth" with more than 98000 children's participation.
3. Production of a series of nine (9) Faith and Ecology Podcasts. <https://www.ecojesuit.com/faith-ecology-podcast/>
4. A "Climate Heroes" narrative series, which gives a voice to 150 young people from around the world who participated in the "Letters to the Earth" educational initiative. <https://www.ecojesuit.com/climate-heroes-series/>
5. Prayer Book on COP30 challenges. <https://www.ecojesuit.com/prayer-guide-for-the-campaign-jcjc-cop30/>
6. Engagement with other religious communities in the "Religious Life for Climate Justice Campaign." <https://www.ecojesuit.com/cop30campaign/>

[ECOJESUIT.COM](https://www.ecojesuit.com), the main webpage of the GIAN Integral Ecology initiative, has been a key player in this process and a major help in the success we had. With a new leadership both in its orientation and in its technical and aesthetic management, the webpage has grown in interaction and has helped significantly in the outreach of all the Jesuits for Climate Justice Campaign (JCJC).

On this first semester of 2026, as we continue the activities to prepare and develop the advocacy actions on Climate Change: in Santa Marta (April), SB64 Bonn (June) and COP31 (November), the big challenge of the GIAN Integral Ecology initiative is to consolidate an appropriate dynamic for each of the three thematic groups, and strength their capacity to leverage global advocacy from the bottom (regional and local participation and advocacy).

The most active and perseverant of the thematic working groups was the Climate Finance group. Following an initial meeting with 28 people from six conferences, six online meetings have been organized to date. During these sessions, a short survey was conducted to define the group's role, with a focus on joint advocacy campaigns, awareness-raising, and information sharing. Topics addressed include climate governance, loss and damage, just transition, international finance, knowledge sharing, and new economic models, which informed the COP 30 campaign. Given the need for restructuring the group, next steps include mapping internal expertise in climate finance—specifically within Jesuit universities and research centers—considering advocacy for concrete and manageable reforms, and revisiting the concept of alternative economic models.

The decision of the GIAN Integral Ecology initiative was to emphasize and make especially visible the need to protect and give voice to indigenous people in the advocacy processes for Climate Justice. Indigenous people, most vulnerable to climate change, have long been the guardians of the planet. Their cultural and spiritual heritage is vital to restoring harmony with creation. Securing their rights and territories is an urgent global challenge. Some meetings were



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held in the first semester of 2025, but changes in the initiative's coordination and in COP30 activities slowed the process of its articulation. Regardless of the difficulties we encountered, the decision to accompany and give voice to the indigenous communities remains a priority for the Integral Ecology GIAN initiative.

The third thematic working group, on Food Systems, received special attention among the three calls proposed in the *Jesuits For Climate Justice Campaign* statement for COP30. Nevertheless, the group also needs some restructuring and is, with the help of a new coordinator, finding a particular way to develop advocacy skills and actions at the local, regional, or international levels. Activities have been carried out to orient and strengthen collaboration across Jesuit institutions from provinces, conferences, and networks. Strategies include relationship-building, mapping of existing initiatives, and participation in relevant advocacy spaces

GIAN Integral Ecology Core Group:

- John Kennedy, S.J. (JCSA) - **Leader**
- Filipe Martins, S.J. (JCEP) - Climate Finance Working Group Leader
- Vincent Ekka, S.J. (JCSA) - Indigenous Peoples Working Group Leader
- Daniel Mwamba Mutale, S.J. (JCAM) - Food Systems Working Group Leader
- Daniela Alba (SJES) - SJES Advocacy Coordinator



FORCED MIGRATION

State of the network

Analysis of the current situation

The global context is currently marked by **unprecedented forced displacement** driven by a complex interplay of violent conflict, climate crises, and deep structural inequalities. GIAN Migration faces severe challenges from **hardening border restrictions, the externalization of asylum policies, and dehumanizing nationalist narratives** that increasingly criminalize those seeking safety. Additionally, a **growing crisis in international cooperation** and significant funding cuts are undermining the multilateral frameworks intended to protect human rights. Conversely, opportunities emerge from the **extraordinary resilience and economic contributions** of migrants, who revitalize labor markets and enrich the social fabric of host communities. Finally, the current context offers a unique opportunity for **strategic reinvention through global intersectoral networking** and a deeper intersectional understanding of migration justice.

Internal Dynamics

The GIAN Migration initiative has recently entered a new phase marked above all by a change of coordinator and a move toward a more articulated, globally connected core team and working style.

Since early 2026, Alberto Ares SJ (JCEP) has served as the new coordinator of the Forced Migration initiative of the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN Migration), succeeding Javier Cortegoso. Under Javier Cortegoso's coordination since 2018, the initiative significantly strengthened collaboration among Jesuit Conferences, promoted shared analysis of migratory contexts, and encouraged advocacy in border, detention, and extreme-vulnerability contexts.

Core Group consolidation

The appointment of Alberto Ares is backed by the Conference of Jesuits in Europe, with the explicit intention of “deepening the global and Ignatian dimensions” of the initiative and better articulating actions across the Society of Jesus, not only in specialized migration works. More than 214 institutions and projects worldwide are now engaged in advocacy at the local, regional, and international levels under the GIAN Migration umbrella, indicating a de facto enlarged core network that the new coordination is expected to knit together more coherently.



The current orientation emphasizes: stronger global articulation of existing works, shared analysis of migratory contexts, and common advocacy efforts that connect local situations (borders, detention, extreme vulnerability) with broader structural and policy issues. In continuity with earlier GIAN Migration discernment processes (e.g., the Washington, DC, meeting linking the network to the Universal Apostolic Preferences), the initiative continues to prioritize a culture of **hospitality**, shared research and analysis, exchange of good practices, and joint advocacy as its basic working tools.

Main Achievements and Actions

- **Institutional Framework:** The formalization of its purpose and structure through the **Governance Document endorsed by the Father General** has provided essential legitimacy to its global mission.
- **Global Reach:** The network now encompasses **214 institutions across six conferences**, with documented impacts including over **1.8 million global engagements** through its various campaigns.

Recent Campaigns

The network's recent efforts have centered on large-scale, coordinated initiatives to shift public narratives and policy:

- **"Hope is the PATH" (2025):** The most significant recent initiative, reaching **50 countries** with a ten-point political framework for transforming migration policies. A highlight was **"Hospitality Day" (October 22)**, which featured symbolic activities to foster empathy. This global initiative began over 15 years ago.
- **Cartagena +40:** GIAN Migration also led Jesuit advocacy around the **Cartagena +40** process to update regional protection frameworks.
- **Policy Influence:** The network has contributed to **national law reforms worldwide** and has actively engaged in discussions regarding the EU's New Pact on Migration and Asylum, for example.
- **Regional Initiatives:** In Europe, the **"Dear European Parliament" campaign** focused on promoting empathy within youth, while the **"Culture of Hospitality"** initiative compiled global best practices for welcoming forced migrants.

Networking and Collaboration

Strategic articulation between different regions and sectors is a cornerstone of the network:



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- **Inter-Conference Synergy:** There are solid, productive relationships between the **Americas (CPAL and JCCU)** and between **CPAL and Europe**, leading to joint research and advocacy efforts.
- **Strategic Alliances:** A key milestone in 2024 was the **resumption of JRS International's participation** in the global coordinating team. GIAN Migration collaborates closely with the **International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU)**, **Fe y Alegría**, the **Xavier Network**, **JECSE**, and the **Alumni Network**.
- **Ecclesial Synodality:** In Africa and Asia, the network emphasizes **synodality within the Church**, building alliances with local civil society and volunteers to manage the reduction of international funding.
- **International Forum Participation:** GIAN Migration developed strategic position papers for **COP29**, advocating for the inclusion of climate displacement in national policies, and, in 2025, contributed to spreading the SJ's position at **COP30**.

Research and Training

GIAN Migration leverages academic partnerships:

- **Academic Partnerships:** Collaboration with **Comillas Pontifical University (IUEM)**, **Boston College**, and **Refugee & Migrants Education Network**.
- **Joint Research Projects:** Notable studies include the continental characterization of forced migration flows conducted jointly by the USA-Canada and CPAL conferences, with workshops hosted at **Boston College**.
- **Training Programs:** The network has developed **diverse programs at some of our conferences, such as the new Diploma in Hospitality and Migration at the Catholic University of Córdoba in Argentina** and the upcoming Migration Summer School in the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Key Publications:** Recent studies include the book "**Migratory Flows at the Borders of Our World**" and different articles and publications:
 - "Pacto Europeo de Migraciones y Asilo: Un retroceso histórico en la protección de derechos humanos". Revista Migraciones, n. 11, Conferencia Episcopal Española, Subcomisión Episcopal para las Migraciones y Movilidad Humana, Departamento de Migraciones, Editorial EDICE, Madrid 2025.
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Opportunities and Challenges

(looking to the future)

Main Obstacles

1. Eroding protection systems and hostile politics

Refugee and migration protection is being hollowed out through externalization, shrinking asylum space, and increasingly hostile political narratives and policies that normalize deterrence, detention, and pushbacks, making it harder to secure rights and protection.

2. Escalating forced displacement and climate-related mobility

Protracted conflicts, widespread violence, institutional collapse, and the accelerating climate crisis are driving ever larger and more complex flows of forced displacement,



increasingly outstripping the humanitarian and pastoral capacities of the whole GIAN Migration Network.

3. **Unstable and insufficient funding for long-term work**

Volatile, short-term, and often restricted funding – combined with competing global crises and shifting donor priorities – undermines the sustainability of core programs (including advocacy) and weakens long-term presence and accompaniment.

4. **Organizational governance, identity, and staff care**

GIAN Migration network institutions face the challenge of strengthening global and network-wide governance and accountability while preserving subsidiarity, local ownership, and a clear, shared Ignatian identity, including serious investment in formation, spiritual and psychosocial care, and decent working conditions for staff and volunteers.

5. **Integration, social cohesion, and public narratives**

Supporting meaningful inclusion and social cohesion in increasingly polarised societies requires new forms of collaboration, community-based approaches, and narrative change work that can counter xenophobia and fear, while promoting the dignity, agency, and voice of refugees and migrants.

6. **Innovation, collaboration, and digital transformation grounded in mission**

Adapting to new realities – digital tools, cross-border networking, partnerships with diverse actors, and evidence-based programming – demands innovation across GIAN Migration ecosystems, but in a way that remains rooted in Ignatian spirituality and the core mission to accompany, serve, and advocate with and for people on the move.

Main Challenges

1. GIAN Migration faces the challenge of **adapting to thrive in an ever-changing socio-political** landscape.
2. Ensuring that **people forced to migrate have a genuine voice** and real participation in decision-making processes.
3. The Secretariat (SJES) and the Jesuit Conferences **lack a dedicated, sustainable budget** for the day-to-day functioning of the GIAN Migration network; material resources are needed to scale up results and impact.
4. **Improving coordination** not only with institutions specialized in forced migration, but also to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration, as well as with the other GIAN networks.
5. **Greater awareness** amongst all Jesuit Conferences of the need for coordinated work in the field of forced migration.
6. Maintaining **synodality and intersectoral partnerships** is vital to sustaining the mission amid drastic international funding cuts.



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Main Opportunities and Hopes

- 1. Deepening accompaniment and the forced migrants agency**
Through close journeying with displaced people, our advocacy can better understand their aspirations, foster active participation, and nurture hope, empowering refugees as protagonists in their own healing, learning, and community-building.
- 2. Strengthening Ignatian partnerships and networks**
New strategic collaborations—within the Society of Jesus, across GIAN Migration, and with trusted partners—enable shared resources, coordinated advocacy, and amplified impact for justice, reconciliation, and systemic change.
- 3. Catalyzing social inclusion**
Investing in dignified work pathways, market-systems approaches, MHPSS initiatives, digital skills, and infrastructure opens opportunities for self-reliance, helps displaced individuals heal from trauma, and builds resilience among forcibly displaced people, building sustainable futures.
- 4. Ignatian discernment for mission renewal**
Global processes of listening, consensus-building, and spiritual discernment renew GIAN Migration's shared identity, adapting creatively to new contexts while staying rooted in accompanying, serving, and advocating like Christ.
- 5. Community resilience and hopeful transformation**
Community-based approaches (Communities of Hospitality), even with limited funding, build self-reliance and solidarity, demonstrating that collective support amid challenges sustains hope for protection, participation, and reconciliation.

GIAN Migration Core Group:

- Alberto Ares, S.J. (JCEP) | **Leader**
- Bernard Jado, S.J. (JCAM)
- Martin Puthussery SJ (JCSA)
- Jun Nakai, S.J. (JCAP)
- Karina Fonseca (CPAL)
- Angelo Pitaluga (JRS/International Office)
- Daniela Alba (SJES Advocacy Coordinator)



JUSTICE IN MINING

State of the network

In the past year, there has been a trend toward intensifying global geopolitical competition, worsening democratic backsliding amid the third wave of authoritarian governments, and ambiguity in climate rhetoric among global leaders. Specifically, and significantly for the network, the return of protectionist policies involving the imposition of import taxes has affected the narrative and approach toward critical minerals. The discourse has shifted from "green transition" to "strategic autonomy for national security."

In practical terms, for communities whose territories hold these minerals—primarily Indigenous communities in Latin America and vulnerable groups in Asia and Africa—this discursive shift has already led to increased extractive pressures and practices, accompanied by shrinking spaces for political contestation.

Latin America remains the world's deadliest region for environmental activism, with communities defending themselves against these abuses. The new papacy of Leo XIV opens new ecclesial discussions on extractivism, both from an institutional perspective and from grassroots accompaniment of these dynamics.

Internal Dynamics of GIAN Justice in Mining

The most significant change lies in the formal transfer of the network's coordination from Alboan to the management of the Universidad Rafael Landívar and the Arrupe Center for Research and Training (CARF). This transition, effective as of January 2026, has coincided with the design of a new Strategic Plan for the network for 2026–2029.

The Core Group has maintained active representation from five Jesuit conferences (CPAL, JCEP, JCAM, JCSA, and JCU-CUS). Recurring meetings have continued incrementally during this coordination transition period and with a view toward the new strategic plan. In this sense, a central element of continuous discernment this year has been the results of a Comprehensive Survey among the 21 institutions linked to the network.

This report outlined the three thematic priorities for the new planning cycle: (a) integral ecology in contexts affected by mining; (b) protection of human rights and the lives of environmental defenders; (c) rethinking energy transitions with a perspective of socio-environmental justice.

In this first quarter of 2026, the network has initiated a strategic planning process covering 2026–2029. The process is divided into four stages. The first, currently underway, consists of



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diagnostics and alignments. During this stage, the network coordination is visiting each conference (online) and linked institutions to gather qualitative evidence on the realities of mining in their contexts, the different levels of network involvement, and the opportunities and challenges they face. The results of these visits will be presented at the May 2026 meeting and will serve as the starting point for the Strategic Plan, along with the Survey's qualitative results.

Main achievements and actions (highlights for 2025)

Between January and February 2026, the network signed, along with 40 other institutions, an open letter to Pope Leo XIV titled "Open Letter for a Samaritan Church: Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth." Promoted by the *Red Iglesia y Minería*, the letter asked the Pope to include the voices of communities affected by extractivism in dialogues promoted in and from the Vatican with members of the mining industry.

The JiM network actively contributed to promoting the "Jesuits for Climate Justice" campaign at COP30 in Belém in November 2025. With funding from Alboan and Jesuiten Weltweit, two members of the network were part of the delegation. In that context, the network signed the COP30 Catholic Statement with 400 other Catholic organizations to renew the commitment to ecological conversion and care for our common home.

In April 2025, the network organized an online event titled "Critical Mineral Extraction and Land Grabbing from the Perspective of Indigenous Peoples" while the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was taking place.

Networking and collaboration:

The alliance with organizations outside the Society was strengthened during this period, with organizations such as *Iglesia y Minería* participating with them in at least two campaigns. Furthermore, organized events included participation from organizations beyond the network itself, such as Amazon Watch and Misereor. Opportunities for academic collaboration are emerging with other organizations, such as the Laudato Si' Research Institute and organizations like Centro Humboldt (Central America).

Research and training:

In October 2025, the document "Catholic Approaches to Mining: A Framework for Reflection, Planning and Action" was launched, prepared by Séverine Deneulin (Laudato Si' Research Institute, JCEP). The material is designed for Catholic communities, dioceses, and social organizations facing mining-related dilemmas. A webinar was organized on the subject.



In July 2025, the network launched, via a webinar, the document "Pastoral Orientations of the Catholic Churches Regarding Mining." This collaborative document presented pastoral guidelines for Catholic institutions operating in mining-affected territories.

Challenges and outlook (looking to the future)

Main challenges and obstacles:

1. A changing and adverse geopolitical scenario. Critical minerals have become a central theme in current geopolitics, and the rhetoric around the green transition has shifted toward national security issues.
2. The JiM Network continues to face funding limitations. The previous cycle depended largely on generous funding from Alboan. The new coordination faces the challenge of securing new forms of financing for coordinating activities, events, travel, and other actions.
3. The tension between a community of practice and an advocacy network persists. Network reports already reflect this ongoing tension. It is important to develop a specific agenda and resolve this issue regarding the network's identity.
4. Inclusion of communities and social centers from the Global South in the network's formal advocacy spaces. However, more financial resources are needed.
5. Communication improvement. The network needs to improve the maintenance and reach of its communication channels by publishing frequently and running activities to grow its audience. However, this requires time and resources.

Milestones and commitments for the coming year:

Short-term:

1. Complete online visits to each conference by April 30. Following this, incorporate the multiple perspectives into a comprehensive qualitative report to be presented in May 2026.
2. Development of the Global Strategic Plan between May and June 2026. This will be done through three formal subgroups, reflecting on and designing actions around: (a) Research and Discernment; (b) Accompaniment and Participation; and (c) Advocacy and Accountability.

Medium-term:

1. Launch and implementation of the new Strategic Plan, which will include definitions of activities, corresponding budgets, and a strategy for financing, implementation, and monitoring.



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2. Increase the network's reach by engaging Jesuit organizations and institutions currently under-registered that are working on the issue. This will involve formalizing involvement to articulate new forces and actions.

GIAN Justice in Mining Core Group:

- Sergio M. Cabrales Domínguez (CPAL) **Leader**
- Toussaint M. Kafarhire, S.J. (JCAM) **Co-Leader**
- Guillermo Otano (JCEP)
- Jenny Cafiso (JCCU)
- PM Antony, S.J. (JCSA)
- Iliana Isabel Rodríguez Ruano (CPAL)
- Paulo Valencia Valdivia, S.J. (CPAL)
- Gladys Arrobo Gómez (CPAL)
- Daniela Alba (SJES)



RIGHT TO EDUCATION

State of the Network

Analysis of the current situation

The global education landscape in 2025 is shaped by a convergence of structural and emerging crises. Persistent inequalities in access and quality continue to affect the most vulnerable populations — Dalit and indigenous communities in South Asia, refugees and displaced persons in Africa and the Middle East, migrant children in Europe and North America, and rural communities across Asia, África and Latin America.

At the same time, the rise of nationalist and protectionist political regimes in several countries is directly threatening minority-run educational institutions and shrinking civic space for education advocacy. New conflicts — including the Cambodian-Thai border crisis — disrupted schooling for hundreds of thousands of children in the Asia-Pacific region. The global education financing gap remains critical and has been further deepened by debt burdens affecting low-income countries. Against this backdrop, artificial intelligence and digital transformation are reshaping education systems in ways that raise profound questions about equity, pedagogy, and critical thinking.

Internal dynamics

The GIAN R2E network continued to strengthen its internal articulation in 2025. A landmark milestone was the first Conference-level coordination meeting of SANKALP (JCSA), held at Bagaicha, Ranchi (17–18 July 2025), consolidating the South Asian network's governance after years of post-pandemic recovery. Within JCCU, JSN formally embedded the Right to Education agenda into its institutional structures, updating position descriptions, forming a dedicated R2E working group, and producing foundational documents, including a Vision Statement and Pre-Secondary Schools Framework. In Latin America and the Caribbean (CPAL), regional coordination advanced through FLACSI, AUSJAL, and Fe y Alegría, strengthening collaboration across school networks, universities, and civil society around shared educational priorities.

In Europe (JCEP), the network fostered internal dialogue between the social and educational sectors within the Jesuit family, advancing a broader understanding of the Right to Education that includes both formal and non-formal work with vulnerable populations. JCAP deepened its engagement through Fe y Alegría's expansion into Cambodia and by increasing its participation in the FyA International Assembly. FyA's International Federation implemented the *"Por el Derecho al Aprendizaje"* campaign in more than 15 countries and held its Assembly in the Dominican Republic, where it agreed on three advocacy priorities for the next two years. JRS



reaffirmed its identity as a global Jesuit apostolate and intensified its investment in network collaboration, particularly through its advocacy presence in Geneva.

Main Achievements and Actions (Highlights for 2025)

Recent campaigns and initiatives

- **FyA:** Implemented the "*Por el Derecho al Aprendizaje*" (For the Right to Learn) campaign across more than 15 countries, organizing 20 mobilizations, public events, marches, and policy engagement actions. Contributed to official consultations at the UN Human Rights Council on a new Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child covering pre-primary and secondary education. Organized a parallel event at the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (Seville) under the title "*Financing the Future: Putting Education at the Center of the Reform of the International Financial Architecture*", gathering youth, activists, and institutional leaders. Participated in the UNESCO Symposium on the future of the right to education and in the Human Rights Council Social Forum in Geneva, positioning education as a key right for reducing inequality and sustaining peace.
- **JRS:** Collaborated with Human Rights Watch in the global campaign for a new Optional Protocol to the CRC on free education. Organized a regional advocacy training for JRS East Africa teams (Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Kampala) focused on refugee inclusion in national education systems. Participated in the Global Refugee Forum Progress Review Meeting (December 2025), where a JRS school principal from Kakuma spoke as a panelist on the role of teachers in education systems for all children.
- **JCSA / SANKALP:** Conducted province-level data collection across 100+ partners in 15 Indian states, reaching over 100,000 marginalized children. Carried out field research on the state of primary education in Jharkhand, documenting systematic state neglect of rural schooling. Sustained non-formal education programs (SECs, CRCs, residential trainings, Grihini Schools, APD/APYD groups) serving Dalit, Adivasi, and de-notified tribal communities.
- **JCCU / JSN & AJCU:** JSN launched an R2E Vision Statement, an Ignatian Global Pre-Secondary Schools Framework, and began developing an Advocacy Curriculum with JRS-USA and the Ignatian Solidarity Network. AJCU maintained its federal advocacy in the United States, engaging Congress and the Administration on student financial aid and access to post-secondary education for low-income students.
- **CPAL:** Advanced regional coordination through FLACSI, AUSJAL, and Fe y Alegría, promoting pedagogical innovation (didactic laboratories, humanistic-Ignatian curriculum integration), university-based research on inequality and human rights



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involving 22 institutions, and territorial diagnostic work in vulnerable contexts such as the Loyola Community Centers in Cuba. The publication of the book “Derecho universal a una educación de calidad en Latinoamérica” is a significant milestone in joint reflection and research across the region.

- **JCEP:** Promoted the *Global Action Week for Education* through Entreculturas and the Spanish Coalition of the Global Campaign for Education. Published the report “*Lo prometido es deuda*” on five years of commitments to the right to learning. Advanced peace education through EUPeace (Comillas University) and learning-by-service projects integrating global citizenship into teacher training.
- **JCAP:** Supported EDCOM 2 advocacy in the Philippines for the harmonization of national education authorities. Expanded university scholarship coverage, with Ateneo de Manila reporting its largest graduating scholarship cohort (30%). Launched Fe y Alegría in Cambodia with a regional assembly gathering 44 participants from 16 institutions. Maintained education programs in conflict-affected Myanmar, including the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Institute, awarded the St. Peter Canisius Medal by IAJU for education in emergencies.

Networking and collaboration

The network demonstrated growing convergence between FyA and JRS in Geneva-based international advocacy spaces, with both organizations active at the Human Rights Council and related UN processes — a strategic opportunity for coordinated joint positioning as GIAN. In South Asia, SANKALP (JCSA) strengthened horizontal collaboration among provincial coordinators, with Patna and Karnataka Provinces emerging as models of government-school partnership that are replicable across the conference.

Within JCCU, JSN deepened collaboration with JRS-USA and the Ignatian Solidarity Network for R2E curriculum development, while AJCU maintained active engagement with federal policymakers on education financing. JCAP strengthened collaboration among Jesuit universities, Fe y Alegría, and government education authorities, with JCAP's GIAN membership directly facilitating a meeting with officials from the Philippine Department of Education. CPAL strengthened links between school networks, universities, and civil society through IAJU, FLACSI, and AUSJAL. JCEP advanced internal Jesuit dialogue between social and educational actors — a model for integration that other conferences could replicate.



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Research and training

- SANKALP: field research on primary education in Jharkhand; initiation of province-level activity mapping; drafting of a SANKALP handbook on vision, pedagogy, and Jesuit quality education.
- JRS: continuation of the Pedro Arrupe Research Fellowship (Oxford/RSC) on education in displacement, focusing on Syrian refugees.
- CPAL: territorial diagnostic in Loyola Community Centers, Cuba; university research calls involving 22 AUSJAL institutions on inequality, migration, and human rights. Publication of the book “Derecho universal a una educación de calidad en Latinoamérica”, developed collaboratively by the three networks (FLACSI, AUSJAL, and Fe y Alegría).
- JCAP: Education Needs Assessment for 5 provinces in Cambodia by Fe y Alegría; creation of a community of practice for government school teachers in 20 communities in northwestern Cambodia.
- JCEP and Fe y Alegría: publication of the report “*Lo prometido es deuda: Cinco años para cumplir los compromisos con el derecho al aprendizaje*” (Entreculturas - Fe y Alegría); development of the EUPeace partnership (Comillas University), integrating peace education and global citizenship into teacher training curricula.
- JSN: R2E survey and follow-up webinar; production of school models and program mapping documents; early planning for the 2nd R2E ICG (2027).
- IAJU Assembly (Bogotá, 2025): global reflection on AI in education, student mental health, migration, democracy, and environmental justice.

Challenges and Outlook

Main challenges and obstacles

- **Network identity and advocacy coordination:** The network is still discerning its distinctive collective voice and the lines of action that will generate systemic impact. Greater coordination among FyA, JRS, and regional conferences is needed to speak with a stronger, more unified voice in international policy spaces and to move from shared reflection to concrete joint advocacy.
- **Documentation and data gaps:** Systematic documentation of activities, outcomes, and impact remains uneven across conferences. Data collection has only recently been formalized in some regions, reporting timelines are tight, and the absence of a shared methodology makes it difficult to build a coherent evidence base at the network level.



- **Translating reflection into action:** Several important thematic concerns — education in emergencies, education financing, threats to non-formal and minority-run education — have been identified consistently across regions but have not yet generated coordinated network-wide responses or positions. Closing the gap between shared diagnosis and collective action remains a key challenge.
- **Visibility and communication:** The network lacks consistent communication channels and digital presence to share learnings across conferences and project a coherent identity outward toward partner organizations and international bodies.

Milestones and commitments for the coming year

At the network Level

- **Activate a joint GIAN presence in Geneva:** FyA and JRS are already active in UN spaces in Geneva — the Human Rights Council, SDG 4 follow-up mechanisms, and the process toward a new Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on pre-primary and secondary education. A concrete next step is for the network to coordinate its own collective voice in these spaces.
- **Develop a common position on education financing:** This is the most consistently shared concern across all conferences — international financial architecture reform (CPAL, FyA), financing for education in emergencies (JRS), diversion of scholarship funds (JCSA), and federal student aid (AJCU). The network has sufficient shared ground to produce a joint GIAN positioning document on public financing for quality and inclusive education.
- **Build a shared repository of popular educational models:** SANKALP, Fe y Alegría, Kanisius Foundation in Indonesia, Xavier Learning Community in Thailand, Redfern Jarjum College in Australia — the network holds an extraordinary wealth of popular and non-formal education models. A systematic and accessible mapping of these models would strengthen mutual learning across conferences and reinforce the network's credibility before international bodies.
- **Articulate a network-wide agenda on education in emergencies:** JRS in East Africa, JCAP in Myanmar, and FyA during the Cambodian-Thai border crisis, JCEP with migrant populations — the network has distributed experience that could be organized into a shared agenda on education in contexts of displacement and conflict, with cross-conference learning and joint advocacy positioning.



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At the Regional Level

- Strengthen network-wide documentation practices, building on JSN's mapping work and SANKALP's data collection initiatives to develop a more consistent evidence base across conferences.
- Progress toward the 2nd JSN Right to Education ICG (planned for March 2027, Scottsdale), using the intervening period to deepen regional alignment and advocacy curriculum development.
- Continue advancing CPAL's Observatory-Laboratory Consortium model as a replicable approach to community-based educational diagnostics linking research, advocacy, and territorial action. Additionally, the consolidation of inter-network initiatives (FLACSI, AUSJAL, Fe y Alegría) provides an opportunity to model how regional collaboration can evolve into more structured and sustainable contributions to the global Right to Education agenda
- Strengthen JCEP's articulation between social centers, schools, and universities around a shared R2E agenda, building on the internal dialogue initiated in 2025.
- Consolidate JCAP's growing engagement with Fe y Alegría in South East Asia and expand the community of practice model for government school teachers to additional provinces.

Right to Education GIAN Initiative Core Group:

- Dani Villanueva, S.J. (CPAL) | **Leader**
- Catharine Steffens (JCCU)
- Irene Ortega (JCEP)
- Roy Sebastian, S.J. (JCSA)
- Mark López, S.J. (JCAP)
- Etienne Mborong, S.J. (JCAM)
- Marco Garza (JRS)
- Daniela Alba (SJES)



Key SJES Actions in 2025

Promotio Iustitiae

One of the key events of 2025 was the publication of issue 138 of the journal “Promotio Iustitiae”.

Here we wish to pay special tribute to the fundamental role played by Fr. Eric Velandria, S.J., in its preparation and development, who sadly passed away last September.

“Promotio Iustitiae” has been the official publication of the Secretariat for Social Justice and Ecology since 1977. It is celebrating its 49th anniversary, having been published in various formats.

Since 2024, the magazine has been published weekly in 8 monthly cycles. Each cycle consists of:

- a feature article (first week)
- an apostolic experience related to the article’s theme (second week),
- a personal experience or that of a team of Jesuits and collaborators (working on the month’s theme).
- In the fourth week of each cycle, we republish some articles from older or previous issues that may shed light on the development of the topic in question.

Once the 8-month cycle is complete, we work intensively on editing all the materials until we arrive at the issue you hold in your hands, before starting another volume.

We have 5,626 subscribers who receive the final document, along with an editable file for potential local printing. These same individuals receive a monthly newsletter (at the end of each cycle) containing the four articles published that month. You can find the entire collection on the Secretariat’s website: www.sjesjesuits.global

Volume No. 138 began publication on a weekly basis in June 2025 and was dedicated to commemorating the 50th anniversary of General Congregation 32, which has shaped the development of the Society’s apostolate and mission and of the Church’s mission over the past 50 years. The journal consists of five main sections.

- the historical significance of GC 32;
- the legacy of Fr. Arrupe as Superior General of the Society of Jesus and his prophetic voice;
- the challenging reality of being a “*communitas in dispersionem*”;
- the Society’s capacity to reach the frontiers and places to which it has been sent;



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- the fundamental challenge of common apostolic discernment.

We invite you to visit it online (www.sejesjesuits.global), but above all to read it and share its content, and to follow the development—starting the first week of July—of Issue 139, dedicated to the challenges of Socio-Environmental Justice and Artificial Intelligence.

Teaching *Tuesdays*

Introduction

The past year has been a journey of shared discovery. The **Teaching Tuesdays** initiative was launched with a clear conviction: that the riches of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) should not remain locked in academic texts but should serve as a living compass for those working toward a more just and reconciled world. By bridging the gap between theological reflection and global action, this initiative has cultivated a vibrant, multilingual community of practice that spans continents and cultures.

Executive Summary

Teaching Tuesdays began as a bold experiment in digital formation. Reaching **1,782 participants** worldwide, the program successfully translated the complexities of faith and justice into weekly moments of inspiration. Through a blend of storytelling, visual media, and rigorous academic reflection, we have empowered a new cohort of leaders to think with the Church while acting for the world.

By the Numbers: Our Global Reach

Metric	Achievement
Total Participants	1,782 individuals
Languages Supported	English, Spanish, and French
Active Core Members	176 dedicated learners
Graduates	25 (Final assignments submitted)
Published Works	8 featured articles on the SJES global site

Core Objectives

Throughout the year, our mission remained focused on three pillars:



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1. **Democratizing Knowledge:** Disseminating CST principles in a clear, accessible, and engaging manner.
2. **Fostering Critical Reflection:** Moving beyond passive reading to encourage active engagement with contemporary social issues.
3. **Faith in Action:** Supporting the integration of spiritual values into personal and communal ministry.

Methodology & Program Design

We moved away from traditional lecture-style learning in favor of a **Narrative and Visual Approach**.

- **Weekly Rhythm:** Every Tuesday, participants received curated materials via email, supported by "bite-sized" social media content to spark daily reflection.
- **Thematic Focus:** Each session paired a core CST principle (such as *Solidarity* or *human dignity*) with a specific, real-world social challenge.
- **Quarterly Dialogues:** Beyond digital content, we hosted **interactive webinars every three months**. These served as vital town halls for global dialogue and shared prayer.
- **Reflective Pedagogy:** We used critical thinking methods and storytelling to ensure the content remained relatable and grounded in people's joys and hopes.

Impact & Key Outcomes

The initiative has moved beyond simple education to create a tangible impact within our network:

- **Increased Literacy:** Participants reported a significantly higher confidence in articulating the Church's stance on justice.
- **Global Solidarity:** The multilingual nature of the program allowed for a cross-pollination of ideas between different Jesuit provinces and lay networks.
- **Platforming New Voices:** By publishing the best participant assignments on the SJES website, we have turned students into contributors, amplifying diverse perspectives on social justice.

Strategic Insights for the Future

Our evaluation of the year's progress yielded four essential lessons:

- **Simplicity is Key:** The most effective sessions were those that used clear, non-technical language to explain deep truths.
- **Visuals Matter:** High engagement levels were directly linked to our use of short-form video and narrative storytelling.



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- **Consistency Builds Community:** The Tuesday cadence fostered reliability and trust within the group.
- **Global Relevance:** Contextualizing teachings within the current global climate (poverty, migration, war, inequality) made the content indispensable to our participants.

Conclusion

Teaching Tuesdays has proven that when we make the social wisdom of the Church accessible, it becomes a powerful tool for transformation. As we look to the next year, we remain committed to growing this resource, deepening our reflections, and continuing our walk toward justice and reconciliation.

We are especially grateful to the Jesuit Social Research Institute of New Orleans (USA) for the preliminary materials; to the JPIC Commission (Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation) of UISG-USG; to the Social Science faculty of the Gregorian University, and to the JRS-IO (Jesuit Refugee Service - International Office) for their contribution of video resource materials.

COP30 Campaign

The Society of Jesus actively participated in COP30, held in November 2025 in Belém, Brazil, through the first Global Communication and Advocacy Campaign that reaffirmed its commitment to integral ecology. Launched on May 5, 2025, following Father General Arturo Sosa, S.J.'s call to action based on the Universal Apostolic Preference (UAP 4) survey results, the campaign sought to amplify the voices of communities hardest hit by the climate crisis while fostering strategic alliances and raising awareness both within the apostolic body and beyond.

Campaign Framework

The “**Jesuits for Climate Justice: Faith in Action at COP30**” Campaign blended local and global strategies across two main pillars: external collaboration with the “Religious Life for Climate Justice” Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) initiative—led by the USG and UISG presidents—and an internal effort coordinated by dedicated Core and Communications Groups, led by the SJES. By highlighting the Society's role alongside lay collaborators and other religious orders, it sought to drive ecological conversion at the intersection of faith and the climate emergency.



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Advocacy and Events

Advocacy efforts yielded significant results, including the Campaign Statement and Policy Briefs presented at SB62 in June 2025, outlining three key calls for partnership and solidarity en route to COP30; and then a broader **Religious Life Statement and Policy Brief that garnered over 4,000 individual signatories and support from 757 institutions**, which was a part of the NDCs Mechanism Initiative, where around **2,200 individuals delivered declarations to UNFCCC delegations across more than 91 countries** to shape national climate commitments.

At COP30 itself, the Society hosted a Blue Zone side event on the “just energy transition, critical minerals and finance” at the CAF pavilion with partners like Javeriana University, Misereor, Amazon Watch, GIAN Justice in Mining Initiative, and the Arrupe Center for Research and Formation (CARF).

The Jesuit delegation of 27 members of the social apostolate spanning 12 countries was also actively participating in the People’s Forum, the Tapiri Ecumenico, and several events in the Green Zone of the COP30 related to the Indigenous Peoples Forum. Lastly, the SJES participated in three official COP30 panels and two official side events on climate-related migration at the Global Compact on Climate Mobilities (GCCM), the UN Migration (IOM) pavilions. A closing press conference was transmitted live from the Blue Zone on November 20, where the delegation called for the four points of action to be considered in the final text of the negotiations.

We remain especially grateful to all of the partner organizations from the social apostolate of the Society of Jesus who came together to represent the body in one mission at the global level: **RAOEN, JESC, OLMA, CARF, CAM, PUC Rio, APC, REBAC, SARES, Fe y Alegría, Centro Montalvo, ESSC, and Radio SJ LAC**. We were also blessed to take part in the **Network of Catholic Climate Actors (NCCEA)** activities as part of ongoing and growing partnerships in the faith-based climate space, alongside partners such as the **JPIC, Franciscans International, CIDSE, Caritas Internationalis, Taproot Earth, the Maryknoll Sisters, and Vivat International**.

Communications Initiatives

Key activities included the **Faith & Ecology Podcast**, which released 9 weekly episodes from September 10 to November 5, 2025, featuring insights from experts, researchers, and faith leaders to simplify the complexities of COP30. The **Letters to the Earth Education Initiative**, in partnership with the Right to Education GIAN Initiative and the Secondary Education and Higher Education Secretariats of the Society, collected over 98,000 letters and drawings worldwide, and supporting resources such as handbooks, toolkits, and Ignatian Prayer Cards were made available in four languages on www.ecojesuit.com/letters-to-the-earth.

Moreover, many letters and drawings were showcased at the **University of Pará’s Peoples Forum**, culminating in four **Climate Champions** joining the campaign live at COP30: Imelda Kangon (Malaysia), Eneriza Menaling (Philippines), Maria Camila Rodriguez (Colombia), and



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Beatriz Silva (Brazil). Complementing these were the **EcoJesuit Newsletter**, providing daily COP30 reflections, photos, and negotiation updates; a **Liturgical and Prayer Guide** developed in partnership with the Jesuit European eco-delegates and CVX, offering monthly pre-COP prayers and daily conference reflections in five languages. Social media efforts like the **"Voices for our Common Home"** reels featuring social apostolate members and Key Online Leaders, and the **Climate Heroes Series** sharing student wisdom from 15 countries in four languages through the end of 2025, also made a big impact.

With the COP30 Blue Zone, we also had the accompaniment and support of one of three accredited faith-based radios, **Radio Amar y Servir**, from the Brazilian province, which was crucial to following the negotiations, transmitting daily updates, and conducting personalized interviews with some of the key figures in all spaces of the conferences throughout the two weeks.

The digital strategy achieved significant global resonance: the website recorded **19,579** unique visitors and **28,958** page views, with activity peaking during the COP30. The impact on social media was substantial through efforts like the "Voices for our Common Home" reels and the Climate Heroes Series, which resulted in a combined total of over 213,000 views across Instagram and Facebook **and a reach of 25,300 accounts**. Furthermore, the EcoJesuit **YouTube channel exceeded 4,000 views**, and the Mailchimp bulletins maintained an open rate of up to 44%. These metrics validate that the audience did not merely consume information but actively engaged with the call for climate justice.

Ongoing Commitment

After a post-COP30 reflection, discernment, and dialogue process, these efforts continue. We are participating in the current climate-related conferences: the recent First Conference for a Just Energy Transition in Santa Marta (Colombia), partnering with CINEP, and we will be present in SB64 in Bonn (June 2026) and the COP31 in Turkey (November 2026).

The publishing of a new **Policy Brief and Statement for COP31** -available online- aims to sustain faith-based collaboration for our Common Home, committed to the long road ahead towards an ecological conversion.

The Role of the EcoJesuit Platform

EcoJesuit.com serves as the central online hub for the integral ecology initiative of the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN), facilitating climate advocacy through resources, collaboration, and amplification of frontline voices.



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Re-launched in 2025, www.ecojesuit.com acts as a learning community that connects Jesuits, partners, and organizations worldwide to integrate science, faith, and Indigenous knowledge in integral ecology efforts.

It promotes local-global dialogue, supports regional networks, and drives policy engagement on issues like biodiversity, renewable energy, and climate justice, including South-North advocacy for COP processes. The platform shares articles, reflections, videos of "**voices of integrity**" from the frontlines, and event calendars to mobilize faith-based and civil society action.

Towards a Global Operational Platform

In the spirit of collaboration that links social justice with integral ecology, the ecojesuit.com platform will begin a strategic transition to become the specialized repository for the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network's new website, **giansj.org**. It is an initiative that seeks to coordinate GIAN's diverse advocacy activities in a single digital ecosystem, optimizing visibility, engagement, and network collaboration.

More than a conventional institutional news site, giansj.org is designed as an operational platform for advocacy and shared resources. Its "umbrella" architecture is designed to break down information silos, allowing the four GIAN initiatives (Integral Ecology, Justice in Mining, Right to Education, and Forced Migration) to converge on a common thematic timeline. Through dynamic visual storytelling and direct-action tools, the site will provide activists, communities, and collaborators with streamlined access to advocacy guides, petition campaigns, and downloadable resources.

Furthermore, while the SJES Global website consolidates its role as the official voice and repository for framework documents and theoretical reflections, the GIAN website will serve as the operational arm: a space for mobilization, ensuring that grassroots advocacy work achieves global resonance and provides a clear pathway for active participation across a horizontal structure.

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Partnerships & Networking

(With gratitude to our partners, collaborators, and network)

« *Collaboration is a sine qua non to our Jesuit way of proceeding!* » wrote Fr. Cedric Prakash, S.J. in an [article](#) published in PI 138, February 2026. In a global context marked by increasingly complex and interconnected challenges, the mission of the Society of Jesus, Reconciliation and Justice, cannot be carried out by a single institution or secretariat. Rather, the promotion of social justice and integral ecology is the fruit of the joint efforts of a vast network of actors forming a united body, in collaboration with other faith-based organizations, NGOs, and civil society.

In this spirit, the Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat (SJES) wishes to express its deep gratitude to all collaborators, partners, and allies who, throughout 2025, contributed with continued commitment and solidarity to the implementation of this mission rooted in the Universal Apostolic Preferences.

We would like to thank, in particular, the **Conference Presidents and the Provincials; the Social Secretaries and Eco-Delegates**; educational institutions and research centers; and the numerous social ministries and centers worldwide that embody the Society of Jesus vast social commitment. To the members and leaders of the **Global Ignatian Advocacy Network Initiatives**, their respective institutions, and the leaders of the working groups, we express our thanks for your dedication, effort, and consistency.

Our appreciation also goes to our partners from faith-based organizations and ecclesial networks, including **CIDSE, Caritas Internationalis, the UISG, the USG, Vivat International, Franciscans International, the Laudato Si Movement, and JPIC**. To the **Embassies of the Holy of the United Kingdom, Ireland, Peru, and Colombia**, whose active collaboration has helped foster a collective dynamic at local, regional, and international levels, thereby extending the reach of our actions and messages. This ability to work in synergy, share experiences, and develop contextualized responses has proven that there is power in walking together.

We express our gratitude to the **teams and individuals working on the ground**, often in difficult contexts, who demonstrate remarkable fidelity to the Ignatian call to serve



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the most vulnerable and care for our common home. Your commitment gives meaning and depth to the orientations and advocacy actions carried out at the global level.

Finally, we would like to emphasize **the importance of collaborative relationships forged over time, grounded in trust, collective discernment, and mutual respect.** These relationships form the basis of a shared commitment to promoting more just, inclusive, and sustainable societies. They also reflect a **synodal dynamic**, grounded in mutual listening and co-responsibility in the service of social justice and integral ecology.

Your contribution, in its many forms, fully participates in the construction of a more human and united world, in line with the values that bring us together.



Advancing the Mission: Future Perspectives

What's in store for 2026 and 2027?

According to the SJES Strategic Framework 2025–2027

In the second half of 2026, a questionnaire will be administered to all apostolic works of the Society of Jesus, inquiring into the vitality of their commitment to social justice and ecology. This survey will cover the Jesuit universe of 2,554 institutions (across various apostolic areas), with professional assistance from CENTRUS, the “transdisciplinary university center for sustainability” at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico, and the participation of our new research assistant, Fr. Antony Borrow, S.J. The results, systematization, and analysis of this data will allow us to assess where we stand in relation to the diagnosis made by Fr. Kolvenbach 25 years ago, when he stated that:

“Awareness of the social dimension of our mission does not always find concrete expression in a vibrant social apostolate. On the contrary, it reveals some worrying weaknesses: Jesuits dedicated to the social apostolate seem to be less and less prepared, and those who are there are often discouraged and scattered, perhaps lacking in collaboration and organization.”

Starting in July, we will also be joined by a fellow Jesuit from India, Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, S.J., who will serve as the deputy secretary of the SJES, sharing the tasks of visiting and animating the provinces and promoting advocacy on issues related to the four GIAN initiatives, especially in ecology, social justice and mining, education as a right for all, and issues related to forced migration.

We are working to complete the virtualization of the course “Social Doctrine of the Church,” offered on Tuesdays (Teaching Tuesdays). The Church’s best-kept treasure -or rather, hidden- will thus become a free resource for seminarians, students, men and women religious, and pastoral workers, offered in three languages (Spanish, English, and French) and with university accreditation for those wishing to submit a final paper. We hope to launch this e-learning training in February next year.

One of the greatest challenges we face now is persevering in this endeavor of **learning-by-doing** advocacy. In this regard, we thank and acknowledge the presence of many of you as colleagues and teachers in various international forums. We need to build capacity in social centers, universities, and schools, within the Society’s governance, and in the formation of our own members, to defend the rights that all human beings possess as inherent to the dignity of being children of God.



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We are particularly focused on the task of coordinating global advocacy efforts related to the Jesuits for Climate Justice Campaign: participation in the preparatory sessions for COP31 in Bonn next June (64th meeting of the Subsidiary Bodies), along with the development of educational activities and awareness-raising materials aimed specifically at the Apostolic Corps of the Society.

The **Jesuits for Climate Justice Campaign**, is therefore focused on three main calls to action:

→ **The establishment of a clear path toward a just energy transition that ensures no one is left behind, guided by the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.**

→ **Increased funding for countries with the highest scores on the Environmental Vulnerability component of the United Nations Multidimensional Vulnerability Index, while ensuring that no additional debt burden is imposed on low- and middle-income countries.**

→ **The establishment of clear objectives to build global food systems centered on food sovereignty and agroecological practices.**

We hope to continue participating annually in the UNFCCC (COP) forums despite the effort—including financial—required to be present and build relationships not only with the Church and within the Church, but also with other allies.

An important decision is that we will continue to promote ever-greater and more solid coordination among the various religious and faith communities present in Rome: through the International Union of Superiors General and the Union of Superiors General. In this way, we can grow in our capacity to generate greater impact and demand results from those responsible for developing public policies.



Final Acknowledgments

After presenting this annual report, which we hope you will review carefully, all that remains is to express our gratitude.

First, we thank God for enabling us to accomplish so much with limited resources. Second, I would like to personally thank the members of the SJES team: Rossana Mattei, Milton Raj, Daniela Alba, Tiffany Trejo, and Maya Lelièvre, for their daily efforts and devotion to their work.

I thank our brothers and sisters who journey with us from the Conferences of Major Superiors and from the provinces and their ministries, where history is written day by day. You are the tip of the pencil, the primary actors in this story, and devoted servants of the poor in all their forms: children, adolescents, the sick, peasants, workers, migrants, women, and indigenous peoples. You are caretakers of the planet.

We thank each of you for reading this report because we are walking this path together. We have learned much walking with you; we have learned much from you, and we want to continue doing so.

Blessings,

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