

Åbent brev til pave Leo XIV.

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Deres Hellighed

Vi, de undertegnede, byder Deres Hellighed hjerteligt velkommen til Deres pontifikat i disse yderst turbulente tider, og vi værdsætter, at Deres første ord var: »Fred være med jer alle«.

Ikke alene raser der regionale konflikter i mange dele af verden, men flere af disse konflikter har potentiale til at eskalere til en atomar dommedag, der kunne bringe civilisationen til ophør og dermed være den ultimative synd mod Guds skaberværk.

De har tilbudt at fremme fredsforhandlinger mellem lande i krig og dermed fortsætte pave Frans' mandat, der i sin sidste *Urbi et Orbi*-budskab gjorde fred til et påtrængende krav og gentagne gange fordømte våbenhandel og dem, der drager fordel af krig.

Vi ønsker at meddele Deres Hellighed, at vi er fast besluttet på at gøre alt, hvad der står i vores magt, for at nå ud til alle kristne såvel som troende af andre religioner og verdenssyn, for at forene os i en indsats for at etablere en ægte fredsorden i verden, en fredsorden, der afskaffer de reelle årsager til krig ved at tage hensyn til alle parter berettigede sikkerhedsinteresser.

Men i lyset af det forfærdelige, sataniske folkemord, der finder sted i Gaza, og den utilgivelige tavshed og passivitet fra regeringernes side over for dette, appellerer vi også til Dem om at tage afstand fra dette igangværende folkemord. Vi har brug for en moralsk autoritet til at fordømme dette folkemord, uden det mister vi ethvert moralsk kompas.

Vi støtter også fuldt ud Deres afvisning af de »manikæiske forestillinger«, der opdeler mennesker i »gode og onde«, fordi sådanne forestillinger nægter mennesker muligheden for at overvinde det onde gennem udvikling. Men det kræver mobilisering af vores frie vilje, og det indebærer ikke en automatisk frifindelse af dem, der beslutter at være redskaber for det onde.

Vi støtter tanken om, at *»det nye navn for fred er udvikling!«*

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her: https://schillerinstitute.nationbuilder.com/open_letter_to_pope_leo_xvi

May 22, 2025 –The Schiller Institute today released the names of 85 prominent endorsers of the Institute’s Open Letter to Pope Leo XIV on peace efforts, from all over the world, as a spur to broader circulation of the Letter, and the addition of many further endorsers. These names come from more than 600 current signers. The Institute stresses the urgency of this

effort, in light of the unimaginable civilian death toll and suffering in Gaza as the Israeli government's policy of genocide and ethnic cleansing intensifies, and other conflicts, such as that in Ukraine, which continue to menace humanity with the specter of nuclear war. The letter is translated into Danish, Spanish, French, German, Swedish, Arabic, and Portuguese.

The listing of a first group of 85 prominent additional signers, organized alphabetically by country, and alphabetically by last name and country. Profession, title and/or affiliation, for identification purposes only:

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Jairo Dias Carvalho, Brazil, Professor of Philosophy of Technology, University of Uberlândia

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H. Douglas Lightfoot, Canada, Mechanical engineer (ret.); founder, Lightfoot Institute

Juan Gómez, Chile, Coordinator, World Without War and Without Violence

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Arsenio Hernández Fortuna, Dominican Republic, Director, El Diario Antillano newspaper

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Col. (ret.) Alain Corvez, France, consultant, international strategic affairs; former advisor to Commandant of UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)";

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Jean-Marc Gentil, France, High level civil servant; honorary administrator general

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Holger Hüttel, Germany, Chairman, local branch of Die Linke, Sangerhausen

Sabiene Jahn, Germany, Independent Journalist, Koblenz: In Dialogue

Dr. Takis Ioannidis, Greece, Co-Founder, Global Gandhian Harmony Association; Dr. Litt., poet, writer

Raúl Aníbal Marroquín Casasola, Guatemala, Coordinator, Citizen Observatory for Peace “La pupila del cielo”—Human and Environmental Rights Defender.

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Koushik Das, India, Journalist

Mauricio Abbate, Italy, Chairman, National Institute for Cultural Activities (ENAC)

Gaetano Santoro, Italy, trade unionist

Marino Savina, Italy, National chairman ANDICOSI, Italian Association of Security Workers

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Bachar el Hachem, Lebanon, Professor of Political Sociology; researcher

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Dr. James C. Cobey, MD, United States, Founder, Health Volunteers Overseas; Steering Committee, Voices from the Holy Land; as part of work with Physicians for Human Rights, shared 1997 Nobel Peace Prize with International Campaign to Ban Landmines coalition

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Jack Gilroy, United States, Veterans for Peace; Pax Christi-Upstate NY; Pax Christi International

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