

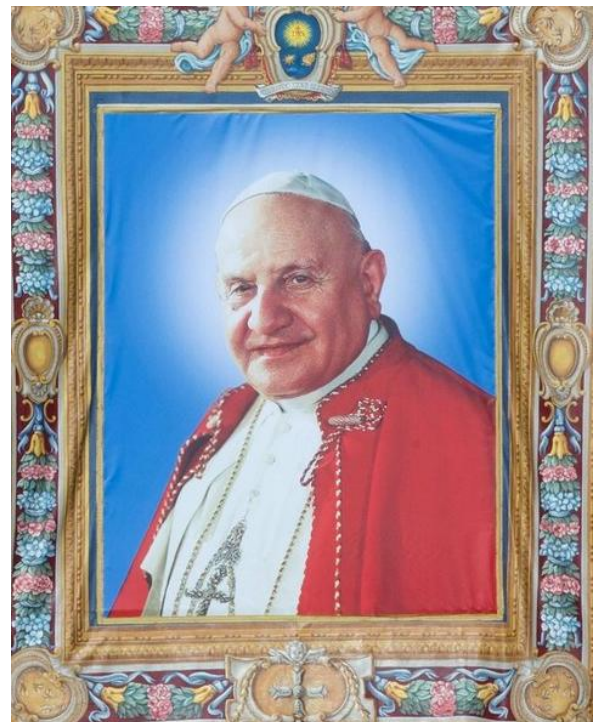
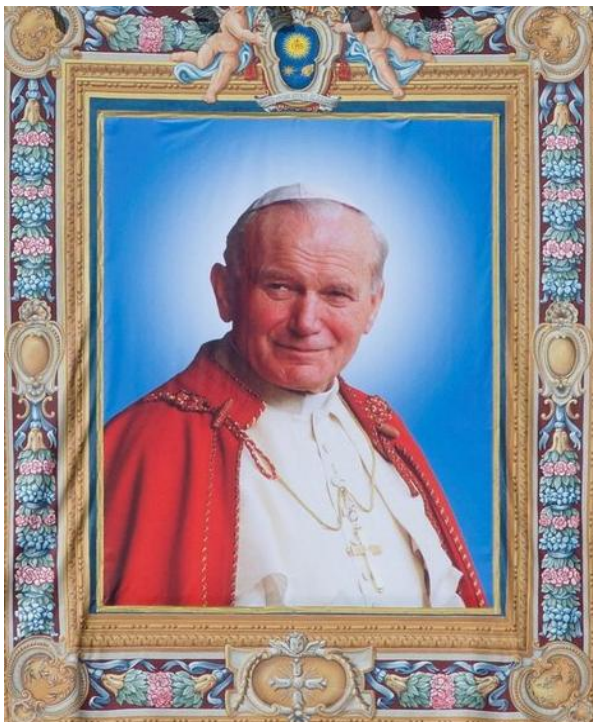
“Turning Possibilities into Realities”

Building a Global Movement for Change [UNSG]: The Promise (part 39)



“Working Hard at Working Smart” (part L)

Tribute to St. Pope John Paul II and St Pope John XXIII



“The future starts today, not tomorrow”.

Pope John Paul II

**“Men are like wine, some turn into vinegar but the best
improve with age”.**

Pope Jean XXIII

The future we want: The Promise: The Force Beyond

EXTRACTS FROM THE ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

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APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE FIFTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION

The United Nations and the Future of Freedom

As we face these enormous challenges, how can we fail to acknowledge the role of the United Nations Organisation? Fifty years after its founding, the need for such an Organisation is even more obvious, but we also have a better understanding, on the basis of experience, that the effectiveness of this great instrument for harmonizing and coordinating international life depends on the international culture and ethic which it supports and expresses.

The United Nations Organisation needs to rise more and more above the cold status of an administrative institution and to become a moral centre where all the nations of the world feel at home and develop a shared awareness of being, as it were, a "family of nations". The idea of "family" immediately evokes something more than simple functional relations or a mere convergence of interests. The family is by nature a community based on mutual trust, mutual support and sincere respect. In an authentic family the strong do not dominate; instead, the weaker members, because of their very weakness, are all the more welcomed and served.

Raised to the level of the "*family of nations*", these sentiments ought to be, even before law itself, the very fabric of relations between peoples. The United Nations has the historic, even momentous, task of promoting this *qualitative leap* in international life, not only by serving as a centre of effective mediation for the resolution of conflicts but also by fostering values, attitudes and concrete initiatives of solidarity which prove capable of raising the level of relations between

nations from the "organisational" to a more "organic" level, from simple "existence with" others to "existence for" others, in a fruitful exchange of gifts, primarily for the good of the weaker nations but even so, a clear harbinger of greater good for everyone.

None of this should appear an unattainable utopia. Now is the time for *new hope*, which calls us to expel the paralyzing burden of cynicism from the future of politics and of human life. The anniversary which we are celebrating invites us to do this by reminding us of the *idea* of "united nations", an idea which bespeaks mutual trust, security and solidarity. Inspired by the example of all those who have taken the *risk of freedom*, can we not recommit ourselves also to taking the *risk of solidarity* — and thus the *risk of peace*?

Hope and trust: these may seem matters beyond the purview of the United Nations. But they are not. The politics of nations, with which your Organisation is principally concerned, can never ignore the transcendent, spiritual dimension of the human experience, and could never ignore it without harming the cause of man and the cause of human freedom. Whatever diminishes man — whatever shortens the horizon of man's aspiration to goodness — harms the cause of freedom. In order to recover our hope and our trust at the end of this century of sorrows, we must regain sight of that transcendent horizon of possibility to which the soul of man aspires.

We must *overcome our fear of the future*. But we will not be able to overcome it completely unless we *do so together*. The "answer" to that fear is

neither coercion nor repression, nor the imposition of one social "model" on the entire world. The answer to the fear which darkens human existence at the end of the twentieth century is the common effort *to build the civilization of love*, founded on the universal values of peace, solidarity, justice, and liberty. And the "soul" of the civilization of love is the culture of freedom: the freedom of individuals and the freedom of nations, lived in self-giving solidarity and responsibility.

We must not be afraid of the future. We must not be afraid of man. It is no accident that we are

here. Each and every human person has been created in the "image and likeness" of the One who is the origin of all that is. We have within us the capacities for wisdom and virtue. With these gifts, and with the help of God's grace, we can build in the next century and the next millennium a civilization worthy of the human person, a true culture of freedom. *We can and must do so!* And in doing so, we shall see that the tears of this century have prepared the ground for a new springtime of the human spirit.

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Famous Quotes by Pope Jean XXII

[Family, Society, Essential]

- ◆ *The family is the first essential cell of human society.*

[Peace, Trust, Alone]

- ◆ *The true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms, but in mutual trust alone.*

[Dream yourself possible]

- ◆ *Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potentials. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.*

[Remember, Tell, Often]

- ◆ *It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope.*

[Anybody, Proof, Pope]

- ◆ *Anybody can be Pope; the proof of this is that I have become one.*

[Good, Feelings, Company]

- ◆ *The feelings of my smallness and my nothingness always kept me good company.*

[Life Integrity, Bodily]

- ◆ *Every man has a right to life to bodily integrity.*

[Death End Able]

- ◆ *I am able to follow my own death step by step. Now I move softly towards the end.*

[End, Here, Road]

- ◆ *Here I am at the end of the road and at the top of the heap.*

Making a difference...



By Command of
HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II

I have the honour to present the Commemorative Medal of his
 visit to the United Nations Organization during the
 celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary,
 5 October 1995,
 to

H. E. Ambassador Marc Michael Marengo
 Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles
 to the United Nations

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