

## HOSPITALITY opens the door to peace.

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#pathsofhospitality



## DECALOGUE: PATHS OF HOSPITALITY

“The practice of hospitality is good news and a truly prophetic act of resistance and hope.”

Alberto Ares

Today, forced displacement continues as a result of wars, armed conflicts, the adverse effects of climate change, inequalities and human rights violations.

We continue to draw attention to the tragedy of uprooting, as well as the discrimination suffered by people on the move and people who are forcibly displaced. In many parts of the world, physical and social barriers are being erected that make welcome harder to offer; the “walls between countries and within people’s very hearts” are growing ever higher, directly affecting the mental and physical health of those who have been forced to leave their homes.

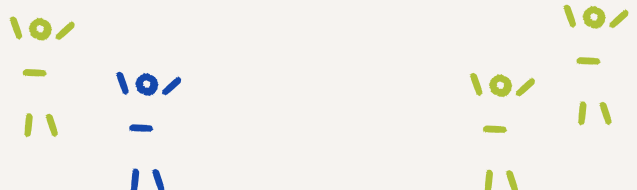
The securitisation and externalisation model imposed in most countries is based on the false assumption that migrants are a threat. This reinforces prejudice, criminalises people and leaves them exposed to physical, cultural and structural violence. It is policies that make people on the move irregular and vulnerable.

As a consequence of the lack of protection for the human rights of migrants, the experience of migration is lived amid profound resource scarcity and even similar violence to that which expelled them from their countries of origin.

There is an urgent need to promote a culture that protects the rights and dignity of people on the move, to mobilise actions and policies that foster their human development, and, as a matter of urgency, to increase collective efforts so that all displaced people can achieve effective integration in the countries that are their destination.<sup>1</sup>

In 2026, hospitality opens the door to peace:

“A culture of peace implies a set of values, attitudes and lifestyles that favour peaceful coexistence, recognising that conflicts are inevitable. In this sense, the role of citizens is that of actors, not mere spectators, in building peace, both internationally and in our local and everyday contexts. Although Peace with a capital P remains always on our horizon, we have the task of gradually building small-p peaces, even if imperfect.”<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Message of Pope Francis for the celebration of World Refugee Day 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Dreaming the Future with Hope, Society of Jesus of Spain, 2024.

**01 PRACTISE THE DUTY OF FRATERNITY**

**Hospitality is a way of practising the duty of fraternity established in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which invites us to live as one great human family.**

Fraternity, as a response to the widespread culture of discarding, individualism and fear of the foreigner, enables us to confront the many forms of violence against the most vulnerable members of society. It is a quality of human relationships present in the practices of hospitality, where we reach out to others with love.

**04 GUARANTEE THE RIGHT TO HAVE RIGHTS**

**A political culture of hospitality allows us to move towards justice through the full exercise of human rights.**

Permanent, comprehensive and hospitable public policies are needed that guarantee rights, stop discrimination and promote the welcoming of people on the move with their histories, traditions and cultures. The door to peace is opened through long-term state policies that guarantee people's freedom of movement, the issuing of documents recognising their identity, access to livelihoods, housing, education, health care, and more. It means facilitating the regularisation of their legal status, whether in transit or to enable effective membership of society, with the economic and social possibilities to contribute to it. Regardless of migration status, human rights must always be guaranteed by States.

**02 OFFER REFUGE AND GUARANTEE NON-REFOULEMENT**

**People who are forcibly displaced have the right to international protection, and States must offer refuge and guarantee the principle of non-refoulement.**

From the perspective of hospitality that opens the door to peace, this responsibility extends to all members of society. It invites us to open not only borders, but also our inner spaces, our homes, institutions and cities, so that the lives and dignity of people on the move are protected in every sense, not only legally. It means welcoming people so that they are not exposed again to situations of violence.

**05 TRANSFORM EVERYDAY ATTITUDES**

**“Love, expressed through small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and is present in all actions that seek to build a better world.”**

Opening the door to peace is an invitation for both people on the move and people in communities of origin, transit, destination and return to personally change behaviours and attitudes that discriminate, so that, from a place of freedom, they choose to tear down walls and allow human encounters to take place.

**03 END TORTUROUS ENVIRONMENTS**

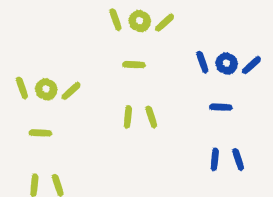
**Hospitality is hope. It is genuine protection that recognises, restores and promotes the dignity of every person.**

Detention centres, deportations to countries of origin or third countries without due process, and restrictive policies and practices have a harmful impact on the physical and mental health of people on the move. These realities reflect the hostility that has become entrenched in the world's migration governance.

**06 RECOGNISE THE PLACE OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS ON THE MOVE**

**Hospitality opens the door to peace when it ensures recognition and protection for children and adolescents on the move.**

The future will be one of hope if they are able to find spaces where they can continue their life projects. This future is built alongside them, by promoting systems that accompany, listen to them and integrate them on the basis of their experiences, dreams, proposals and the challenges they have faced.



## 07 PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY

**Radical hospitality means recognising the unequal access to resources, opportunities, and decision-making spaces that particularly affects women and girls.**

These structural inequalities place women and girls on the move at greater risk, including the feminisation of poverty, different forms of violence (physical, psychological, and sexual), trafficking for sexual exploitation, and labour exploitation. One clear expression of this inequality is the disproportionate burden of care work, which often remains invisible and undervalued despite being essential for sustaining life. From a culture of hospitality, it is essential to challenge these inequalities and recognise care as a shared ethical and political responsibility.

## 08 MOVE TOWARDS FULL PARTICIPATION

**Hospitality is an invitation to guarantee the participation of people on the move as a key element of inclusion processes within communities.**

The door to peace is opened when we recognise that migrants and refugees “do not arrive empty-handed: they bring with them the richness of their courage, skills, energy and aspirations” (Francis, 2018, p. 3). Promoting participation means showing genuine interest in each person’s story and recognising the treasures of their culture, which also enriches those who welcome them. It strengthens integration processes and contributes to building a shared future.

## 09 ADOPT A SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PERSPECTIVE

**Radical hospitality invites us to recognise that we all share a Common Home, and that caring for it is a shared responsibility.**

The lens of socio-environmental justice helps us understand how climate emergencies deepen existing inequalities and create new forms of injustices, forcing many people to move. This shared responsibility requires scientific knowledge, local wisdom and public action.

## 10 BUILD NETWORKS OF HOSPITALITY AROUND THE WORLD

**Building a stronger culture of hospitality in society requires the joint effort of many people across countries.**

Hospitality is ethical, political, and lived out in everyday actions and shared practices. It lies at the heart of spirituality and is a pillar of human culture. Hospitality is the possibility of imagining and walking towards a better world for everyone. It is a door that opens onto peace. It is essential to continue weaving networks that foster a comprehensive response, one that goes beyond institutions and specific contexts, to accompany people who have been forced to migrate throughout their journeys: in origin, transit, destination and return.

