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UNION TIME

For some time we have been reflecting on the strong times of existence and the current times of crisis that we suffer. He is undoubtedly the man surrounded by problems, which in abundance, his most elemental rules of ethics and morality are forgotten.

Crisis has always existed and is repeated cyclically. This current, is the daughter of a deep moral and ethical crisis in which there was a systematic concealment of these values and is born of extreme relativism and secularism that have destroyed the human being based forever on the spirit, curiously this gives us the wisdom that goes beyond science.

Education in science and technology has not ceased to advance but has forgotten to educate in ethical and moral criteria in the general field. We could say that everything has been entrusted to the bottom of individual consciousness. The downside of this neglect is that individual consciousness alone cannot cope with the supremacy of the messages of advertising, commerce or politics where ethics and morality are indeed secondary matters.

The most obvious situations we could list include problems such as demographic decline. As a result of this population decline, there is a departure from the way of the before the arrival of new settlers. They are people who are not considered Westerners, nor heirs of Greek humanism, law and Roman justice and the conquest of modernity: science, freedom, democracy, human rights, family, etc.

Secondly the silent change in the lack of morals and ethics is a powerful draw. We have distanced ourselves from the focus that has enlightened Europe and therefore the rest of continents, when human beings cannot live without hope, without asking for good and evil, for the relationship with others or for life and death.

Recalling an ancient Greek proverb, we can say that "*nulla aethetica sine ethica*" which we could translate as: it is good to make important decisions, always with ethical criteria.

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It should now be remembered that the Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted as a “ common ideal “, cannot be applied in parts, according to respective trends or options. Experience teaches us that legality often prevails over justice when the insistence on human rights makes them appear as the exclusive result of legal measures taken by those in power.

Rights and duties come from human interaction, but they are the result of solidarity among the member of society, which makes them valid for all times and all peoples. Augustine of Hipona said: *“Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you”*. This assertion cannot vary however diverse nations may be.

I believe that together we can carry forward human rights, all peoples, over legislation and other impediments. We can support with the delivery of financial aid for schools, hospitals, drinking water, communications, food, etc., in some of the large number of nations that need this aid. Governments should be aware of this and should allocate a percentage of GDP to education or to the needs described.

It is possible that human rights are within each one of us and must be made public in our society. Progress without abuse is there. Unfortunately agnosticism in today’s science makes scientific and technological research the current challenges.

It is always said that is possible best is yet to come. I believe that this is possible if there is a solid basis for action.

Governments have masked the economic crisis with poetic phrases so that “they have abused their governed “with the deception of a totally false view of the situation. Curiously, hunger is not contagious, which is why governments do not invest in it, as they would to fight pests and diseases.

The family as a sanctuary of life is currently, the only hope of society but is coming to an exhaustion of sources of help to this family that were based on several factors such as the help of grandparents who welcome in their home again to their children and descendants, financial aid with detachment of their own resources , etc. All of this shows that a moral ethical explosion is needed to help the family to rebound. It is urgent to empower the family, making genuine promotion of the common good.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bearing in mind that the right to marry and found a family is recognized in article 16 of the Universal Declarations of Human Rights, we affirm that families in society have: a fundamental role for the social development of the functions they perform including maintenance, education of children; educating on the values of citizenship and belonging to society ; provide tangible and intangible attention to its members throughout life ; protect the existence of the sick, disabled or abandoned.
- Remembering the importance of this support in a context of uncertainty and increasing vulnerability, we see that families are increasingly having difficulty fulfilling the functions assigned to them.
- We emphasize that family-centered politics has largely demonstrated its effectiveness in the context of social development.
- To urge national governments to implement politics to provide families with sustainable livelihoods, recognizing their role in promoting social cohesion and economic development in countries.
- Call on national governments in particular to implement measures to address two challenges, to promote, in the first place, the eradication of extreme poverty and social exclusion , and secondly to share the aging for the population .

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