**Origin**
The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission has its roots in the Pastoral Constitution, Gaudium et Spes: “The council...regards it as most opportune that an organism of the universal Church be set up in order that both the justice and love of Christ toward the poor might be developed everywhere.” (1965, n. 90) The Synod of Bishops on Justice in the World also states that “Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us...as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel. (1971, n. 6)

In 1982, the commission was jointly formalized by the Union of Superior Generals (USG) and the International Union of Superior Generals (UISG).

**Vision**
The JPIC Commission promotes and supports the integration of JUSTICE, PEACE & INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC) in the life and mission of the member congregations of the Union of Superior Generals (USG) and the International Union of Superior Generals (UISG). It is responsible for animating men and women religious in JPIC, according to the evangelical counsels, through experience, social analysis, spiritual reflection and action.

Along with the Dicastery of Integral Human Development, we also seek to interconnect our various JPIC services in response to the needs of our world.

**Mission**
The Commission affirms the values of collaboration and sharing, participation and communication, and commits itself to an option for the poor. The Commission serves the USG and the UISG and each individual member-congregation, according to its own charism, to achieve a greater awareness, clearer analysis and more effective action in JPIC matters, particularly as it affects the poor and disadvantaged in society.

The Commission fulfills its mission by—
1. analyzing issues and challenges and disseminating information to the USG/UISG and its members and the larger public;
2. providing resources and opportunities for initial and ongoing formation;
3. promoting dialogue and solidarity among religious congregations and others throughout the world in support of valid JPIC concerns;
4. facilitating mutual sharing and assistance among the generalates;
5. serving as a channel for the voices of the poor and oppressed around the world to the generalates and other organizations
6. networking among religious institutes, non-governmental organizations and other entities;
7. supporting advocacy and corporate action by the USG/USIG and individual member institutions.

**Composition**
The JPIC Commission consists of—
- Two co-presidents, a man from the USG and a woman from the UISG.
- Eight other members of the USG and UISG.
- Ex-officio members: Secretaries General of the USG and the UISG; Executive co-secretaries of the JPIC Commission; and, by standing invitation, two official liaisons—a representative of the Dicastery of Integral Human Development and the Director of SEDOS.

**JPIC Commission Secretariat**
The JPIC Secretariat is responsible for coordinating, animating and facilitating the mission of the Commission through networking with grassroots organizations and local/international advocates; providing informed suggestions and reflections; and accompanying JPIC Promoters in their ministry.

Two executive co-secretaries, a man and a woman religious, manage the Secretariat.

**JPIC Promoters**
All members of the USG and the UISG are invited to designate a JPIC Promoter for their respective congregation/institute to animate their membership in integrating JPIC into their spiritual and ministerial lives.

The Commission has two language groups—English and Spanish.
JPIC GROUPS

Commission Committees
Committees are established and charged to undertake particular tasks related to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Commission. Each year, the Commission reviews the purposes, activities and reports of established committees.

Commission Working Groups
Commission-sponsored Working Groups (WG) address specific JPIC concerns which are fully supported by the USG-UISG. These include:
- Africa WG
- Anti-trafficking WG
- Integrity of Creation WG
- Refugee and Migrant WG

Promoters Working Groups
Working Groups initiated by JPIC Promoters focusing on specific areas of concern include:
- ICR at FAO

Monthly Prayer Service
For the “needs of our times” organized by the Spanish-Portuguese Promoters

Coordination
Coordinating the UISG Campaign, Sowing Hope for the Planet (www.sowinghopefortheplanet.org).

NETWORKS
The Commission collaborates with organizations and associations that work on JPIC concerns, which include the following:
- English JPIC Promoters and Spanish JPIC Promoters representing the international community in Rome
- Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- Caritas Internationalis
- Service for Documentation and Study (SEDOS)
- Africa-Europe-Faith-Justice-Network (AEFJN)
- Interfaith Centre for Peace and Justice (CIPAX)
- Catholic-inspired NGOs (Roman Forum)
- Talitha Kum
- International Projects for Migrants
- Embassies to the Holy See
- Representation at the United Nations

MEDIA
- Newsbrief (monthly)
- E-news (weekly)
- Website

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