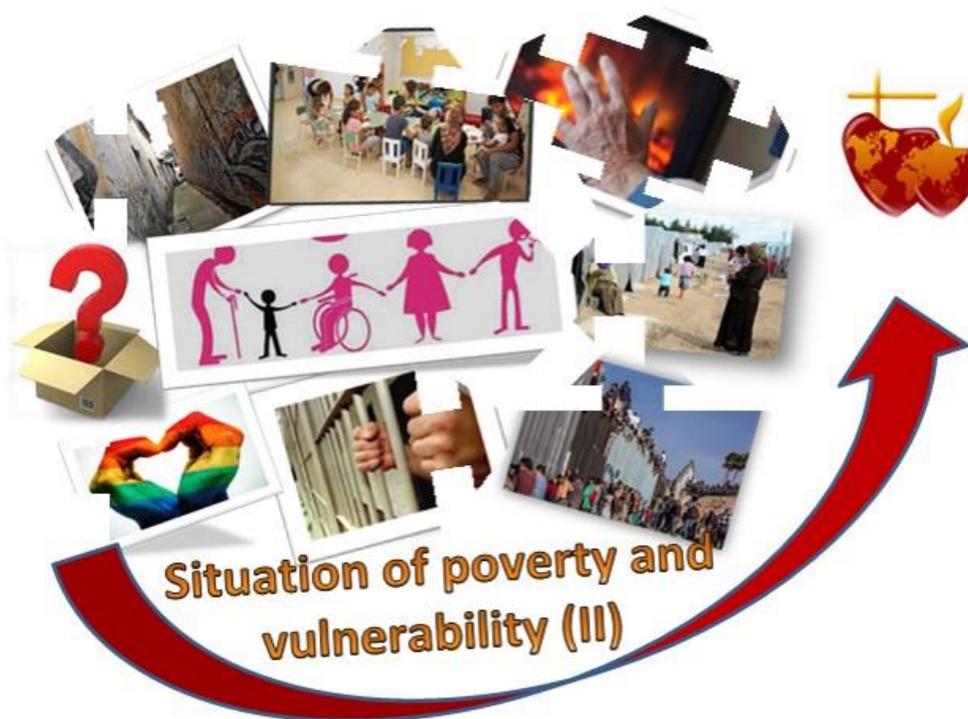


Our commitment makes the world better



Dear Sisters

This April INFO, will come to light when we are celebrating Holy Week, and beginning to experience the Easter triduum this year. These are intense days in which the liturgy of the Church helps us to renew our most important beliefs.

To remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, is to stop before the events that give meaning to our faith. We remember his beginnings in a past historical time, we reflect on this today to discover there how the Lord is still present in history, and we rejoice in the future hope of the risen life that we hope to reach one day.

In the previous INFO we looked at the first of our priorities of the Apostolic Project, “the poor and the vulnerable”, with some community commitments in mind. On this occasion, personal reflections of a more testimonial nature show us the repercussion that our actions can have on very concrete persons and the good that we can do, following in the footsteps of the one who “went about doing good” (Acts 10:38).

Without a doubt, there are many more testimonies, because we have all helped others to stand, to walk with them or to share what we are and have in order to alleviate pain, to alleviate hunger, and

to make their lives happier. And it is good to remember and to thank the Lord, who acts through us, inspires and accompanies us, and because he approaches us in so many ways that are waiting to be attended to. These days are special to look around us, to recognize Jesus who continues to receive blows and insults as he carries his cross to Calvary,... and to name them as the suffering Christ of today, so that they may be the first to receive the news: truly, the Lord has risen!

And it is not easy, at this time, to proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus. For many, they are empty words, without content and a little out of date. Others, perhaps, do not even bother to describe them, or to remember with them moments of their childhood that have already gone...

Then, the best way to proclaim that Jesus Christ is alive, that he rose from the tomb and that he walks among us today, is affection, closeness and service to the poorest. It is giving one's life for those whom society despises, for those who are of no value in the eyes of many, for those who do not care or even bother when their needs make news, and television shows them in the refugee camps, in endless caravans fleeing poverty and violence, or in long waits in hospitals....

They will be able to understand the resurrection of Jesus, if someone approaches them in friendship, if someone sits at their side, calls them by name and gives them time, proximity and tenderness. They will be able to believe that Jesus is risen, and open themselves to a new hope that will help them to continue fighting, to continue living,... And our gestures can make a difference!

May Easter urge us on. Let us run like Magdalene, like Peter and like John,... like those of Emmaus,... to tell the poor and vulnerable people we meet that Jesus has risen from the tomb.

Happy Feast of the Lord's Resurrection