

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL TURKSON

Greetings from the PCJP office at Palazzo san Calisto!

I just got back to the office to read about your meeting from 15-17 July on the theme: "Justice at work - A place of safety, fulfillment and growth?"

I wish first and foremost to congratulate the NJPN for holding a meeting to consider Justice as indispensable condition for peace, fulfillment and growth.

Our world is witnessing the breaking waves of violence in North Africa and parts of the Middle East; and the cry that is heard in the lull, when the explosions cease, and in the smoldering ashes of destruction is a cry for JUSTICE.

The last African synod made all the participants, not only servants of justice, reconciliation and peace, but also the fashioners of the same. It is the yearning of the continent, where politically motivated conflicts trample it underfoot. It is the fading dream of the population of the Great Lakes region of East-Central Africa; and it is the hope that the new-born state of Southern Sudan will embrace it as both a theological and a social virtue.

With prayerful wishes for a successful meeting,

Card. Turkson