



Laudato Si'
Special Anniversary Year
2020-2021

SEASON OF CREATION
1.09 - 4.10.2020
Jubilee of the Earth

World Day of Prayer for
the Care of Creation
1st September

THE COURAGE TO CHANGE TO EMERGE FROM THIS PANDEMIC BETTER PRAYER | REFLECTION | EXPERIENCES

Friday, 4 of September 2020 - online for 1h

EXPERIENCES

America: Venezuela

- **Ayoze PACHECO**

National responsible CA Venezuela

COVID has brought serious health problems to Venezuela, which are added to those already present in daily life, such as the lack of food, electricity, fuel shortages, as a consequence we live an energy quarantine and a sanitary quarantine has been added.

In our Catholic Church we feel the audacity and the courage to face this complex situation that the country is going through, especially with solidarity, prayer, sacrifice and a silent missionary spirit that goes beyond imaginable.

Faced with this serious situation, we have focused on maintaining social works in very needy communities. In particular, we have made pots of solidarity, we assisted the sick, delivered a respirator and supplied medicines

On the other hand, we are concerned about the growing number of couples and families who in extreme situations lead to conflicts and breakups of all kinds. For this reason we have strengthened the accompaniment of couples in crisis situations and the spiritual support of the family in all its aspects.

To face all this would not be possible if there were not brave young people engaged in CA. We would like to introduce you to some.

Wuilmaira Pérez, National Coordinator of young people, 28 years old, despite living in a very poor community and in a very humble family, has been able to overcome herself and become a chemical engineer today, she has dedicated 15 years to the training of young people at national level. In 2019 she trained at least 500 young people in different parishes, catechists, altar servers, bringing bread to the most needy even if she did not always have all the bread at home.

Pedro Virguez, a young medical student, for 13 years in Catholic Action, since he was 9 years old, from an agricultural community in the state of LARA has never abandoned that living path led by our parish priest

Father Omar, evangelizing with creative activities, retreats , commitments and formative moments that have made the difference in the Archdiocese.

Alexander Meleán, 22 years old. We started this community a year ago, and I would like you to stop and get to know this community, Cañada de Urdaneta in the State of Zulia, a community identified as a center of extortion, kidnapping and delinquency. However, thanks to Alessandro and our Pastor, Father Raúl Moreno, we have a group of more than 100 young people who are changing their environment, bringing hope and making it possible for miracles to happen that only God can show us.

The list of courageous Militants is very long, they have had the courage to carry the Cross of Christ in a very adverse environment, even if sometimes they only eat once a day or every other day, but they are able to bring a dish of food to the most needy, visit the elderly, treat the sick despite the risks.

I would like to conclude by saying that the great task is to "HAVE THE BOLD AND COURAGE" to re-establish the spaces of COMMUNION in daily life, especially in families, companies, trade unions, universities and politics, on the basis of the social doctrine of the Church.

Only in this way can we change things, it is not enough to feel like perfect Christians, the most educated or to believe that we are the best Catholic Action, but as our name says, so well thought out and meditated on by the Holy Fathers, as to be "CATHOLICS IN ACTION".

A fraternal embrace, pray for Venezuela.

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