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## The mission and Raison d'être of Pax Romana in a challenging world

37 th Assembly:  
(Kevin Ahern and Philippe Ledouble)



# **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

What is it? Why to start by that?

Raison d'être = Why do we exist? For what?

(...Why we are here?)

Why is it important?



## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

A good raison d'être

- Gives more sense to our actions
- Creates more commitment among members
- Attracts more new membres.

And for this assembly....





## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

Recalling the “raison d'être” at the beginning of this assembly helps us to remained focused on the essential.

Let's look at two situations: Good Samaritan and our situation!



## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

The parable of the Good Samaritan describes the encounter between:

- a wounded person
- and passers-by.

Unlike the others, the Samaritan responds with an action, a commitment in both time and money.

This situation reveals to the Samaritan his “raison d'être” as human being : the service to the wounded.



## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

Let's look at the contemporary situation:

- a world wounded by inequalities, violence and ecological destructions.
- Thousands of Catholic intellectuals and professionals with high levels of education and experience;

Does it reveal a “Raison d'être” for ICMICA Pax Romana?

Let's take an example of these wounds





**The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

The climate change

What service can we provide?

Expertise?

Political commitment?

Yes but others can do that.

Is there something specific to Pax Romana?

A bit of analysis is necessary



## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

Main challenges of the climate change:

- To be able to take good collective decisions  
not each one for himself
- To be ready to implement them  
Not by constraint or violence

Does it reveal a “Raison d'être” to ICMICA-Pax Romana?



## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

To do that, one needs to recognize that

- The other is a partner, a brother and sister, in my development,
- There are things that are beyond us but that are necessary and must be supported.

How to promote the love of the other and the common good?





## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

Doing that means become more human.  
It is a spiritual and cultural path

- personal conversion
- structural transformation.

Then can appear the “Raison d'être” of ICMICA-Pax Romana!



## The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana

This, as Pope Francis points out in *Fratelli Tutti*, is a Gospel imperative and **mission of all religions**.

Between the excess of religious fundamentalism and the religious marginalization in secularized societies, Pax Romana can make an original contribution:

**Be lay intellectuals and professionals who live and call for personal and collective transformation, for humanization in the spirit of the Gospel.**

This is our raison d'être.



## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

**Humanization in the spirit of the Gospel is another word for Evangelization.**

This is the traditional mission of Pax Romana

"If we are fully convinced that this world needs, in order to be saved, that we announce the Gospel to it (...), there remains only the apostolate of the laity to take charge of the mission in a true and effective way. . "

Joseph Moingt sj French theologian





## **The raison d'être of ICMICA -Pax Romana**

But how? Has Pax Romana a specific way to do it?

- Not a separate activity as teaching catechism
- But inside human activities,
  - as individuals
  - as intellectuals and professionnels
  - As Pax Romana members.
- With few characteristics.



## What is the ICMICA Pax Romana style?

- A spirituality for lay people: the spirituality of action
- A vision of evangelisation in the milieu where we are
- A global network of intellectuals and professionals
- A working method (5 points or review of life.)

So what?

## Two options in paths ahead

- What do we do now?
  - 1- Go on as usual?
  - 2- Develop ICMICA-Pax Romana to better face the challenging world?
    - Option 1 : end of the presentation
    - Option 2 : stay with us!







## The path ahead

To continue our mission we must face 4 existential challenges

(See IT report)

- Extension and movement building
- Welcoming young professionals
- Commitment to the global community
- Self Financing



## The path ahead

It is the job of this assembly.

The awareness of our “Raison d’être” can give us the energy to face these challenges.

Thank you!

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