



7th European Continental Meeting in Malta

We, JPIC Animators in Europe, have gathered in Malta on September 2 – 5, 2019 and celebrated our Fraternity and vocation to live the Gospel values and to be the signs of hope, love and solidarity of the Lord. The theme of this Continental Meeting was “**Realizing Franciscan Humanism in Today’s European Context – ‘Go and Rebuild My Home.’**” After the initial reports from the JPIC Rome Office and the five Conferences of the Continent, we listened to the talks on the political and social context in Europe and the insights of Franciscan humanism. We Animators have acknowledged the signs of the times that continuously and ever more strongly call us Franciscans to respond.

The International Council for JPIC 2019 has emphasized that “as Franciscans, we ought to respond to cry of the poor and cry of the earth with an *integral ecological conversion in a radical manner.*” (Jerusalem Statement 2019) With these words in mind, we the membership of the European Continental Meeting in Malta recognize the good work that has been done in the past but also acknowledge a lot has been left undone and there is still much more to do. Bearing this in mind we have attempted to set out a challenging but achievable set of priorities which are set out below.

Ecology/Care of Creation

- Promote the Franciscan spirituality of relationship with Creator and Creation
- Promote the teachings of *Laudato si’* and integral ecology among the friars through various formative occasions, materials and events
- Practice ecological gardening
- Integrate *Laudato si’* into liturgy
- Work on the decision no. 11 & 19 of the General Chapter 2015 in collaboration with the Secretariats of Formation and Evangelization.
- Promote alternative culture to hyper-consumerism
- Celebrate Season of Creation at parishes, schools and fraternities
- Encourage fraternities to make energy transition to the renewables
- Organize programs for youth on JPIC, esp. ecology, and seek the possibility of working with them

Migration

- Take pastoral care for migrants
- Support centers for migrants
- Celebrate world days of refugees and migrants

Peace/Dialogue

- Promote Christian-Muslim dialogue
- Continue to build the culture of Brotherhood and reconciliation