

# BUILDING PEACE

## Pope Francis, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Francis and official teachings  
of the Roman Catholic Church

### A GIFT

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an “architecture” of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an “art” of peace that directly involves each one of us... All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

### THREE PATHS

... I wish to propose *three paths* for building a lasting peace. First, *dialogue between generations* as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, *education* as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, *labor* as a means for the full realization of human dignity.

### “INDISPENSABLE ELEMENTS”

These are three indispensable elements for “making possible the creation of a social covenant” ... without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.



### “HONEST DIALOGUE”

All honest dialogue, in addition to a correct and honest exchange of views, demands basic trust between the participants. We need to learn how to regain this mutual trust.

### SEEDS OF PEACE

Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace.

### “MORE URGENT”

It is more urgent than ever to promote, throughout our world, decent and dignified working conditions, oriented to the common good and to the safeguarding of creation.

### “ARTISANS OF PEACE”

To government leaders and all those charged with political and social responsibilities, to priests and pastoral workers, and to all men and women of good will, I make this appeal: let us work together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education and work. May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace. And may they be ever inspired and accompanied by the blessings of the God of peace!

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