Press Release

Carrón (CL): "We embrace the Pope's invitation and we sustain his cry: Never again war!"

In receiving Pope Francis' dramatic appeal for peace in Syria, Fr. Julián Carrón, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, stated:

"The Pope appeals to the need for peace that nestles in the heart of every man in order to launch a dramatic call for peace in Syria; at the same time, he offers a criterion for approaching conflict: it is never the use of violence that brings peace, but encounter and negotiation. We will be able to reach a peaceful solution only if we all look at the other not as an enemy to eliminate, but as a brother: 'it is neither a culture of confrontation nor a culture of conflict which builds harmony within and between peoples, but rather a culture of encounter and a culture of dialogue; this is the only way to peace.' We embrace this urgent invitation of the Pope's and we sustain his cry—'Never again war! An appeal which arises from deep within me!'—uniting ourselves to his prayer with the offering of our days, while we wait to participate with all of our brothers and sisters, and men and women of good will, in the great day of fasting and prayer set for Saturday, September 7th in Rome, adhering to the initiatives of the dioceses around the world."

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