

## ***Appeal to the courageous and good-willed Europeans*** **Cracovia charter, 2007-03-17**

**Today, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 we, European citizens, gathered in Krakow from Austria, Croatia, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Romania and Hungary, from the Christian roots of Europe and inspired by the Appeal to the Free and Strong produced by Don Luigi Sturzo in 1919, issue this Appeal to all people of good will, in order to promote the rights of every single person, and specially those of the weak and suffering, towards a Civilisation of Love and of Life.**

**Aware that human society and the very political community are based on the recognition that every human being has the right to life from the moment of conception to its natural conclusion, and that peace will never prevail until this right is fully recognised, we invite the European citizens to defend in their entirety, without prejudices nor preconceptions, the ideals of liberty, justice and peace, as an essential condition to reach these aims: the unambiguous reaffirmation, in international conventions as well as in national legislations, of the Right to life of every human being from conception, during the full arc of its growth until its natural death.**

**We furthermore ask the European representatives in the United Nations to promote, together with the Civilisation of Love, human life in every stage of its development and in every country, rich and poor, if they really yearn for peace. Only thus can they set the basis for a just and enduring peace. We particularly ask the United Nations to be vigilant so that the rich countries do not close the door toward development to the poor nations, by conditioning their aide to absurd policies of birth control through sterilization and procured abortion.**

**We reject the relations between States based on economic or military dominance. We thus request the United Nations to recognise all the rightful national aspirations; hasten universal disarmament; guarantee the freedom of the seas; advocate international relations based on the full recognition of all human rights begining with those of birth, equal right to work, and religious freedom against every oppression. We furthermore request that the United Nations have the power of sanction and the means of protecting the rights of the peoples against the overpowering tendencies of the strong.**

**We ask the political parties of each country to contribute to the strengthening of those initiatives and those principles that promote and protect, from conception, the life of every single human being, thus removing any danger of terrorism and of new wars, and affording a stable structure to all nations with an adequate distribution of resources and a sustainable development, effecting the ideals of social justice and improving general working conditions.**

**Particularly, we ask representatives of the member States of the European Union to prepare an European Constitution that fully recognises, as central and fondamental, the Right to life from conception of every human being and, thus, not to finance those organisations, including NGOs, involved in the formulation, encouragement or implementation of programmes of family planning, including sterilization and procured abortion, specially in the poor countries. We obviously ask that the European Constitution recognise the Christian roots of Europe and their vitality for its future.**

**For the best future of the European Union we dedicate all our activity with enthusiastic fervour and put forward these proposals.**

**On a constitutional plane, for the common good of Europe, we want States that are truly popular, States that admit the limits of their activities, respecting and promoting the natural organisms such as the family founded on marriage, individual persons and private initiative, according to the principle of subsidiarity. In order that the States be the true espression of the will of the people, we propose a reform of the parliamentary bodies with the introduction of proportional**

**representation;** we want a simpler legislation; we invoke legal recognition of political parties and trade unions, as well as an effective autonomy of local government in every country.

However, these reforms would be vain and void if we didn't insist in stressing that the soul of society is the Love for Truth, the true sense of liberty corresponding to the civic maturity of the European people and to the highest development of its energies: religious freedom, freedom to teach, without any State monopoly; freedom of unions without preferences nor privileges, freedom of local government.

This ideal of freedom does not intend to undermine the State, but is essentially organic in renewing the energies and the activities that must be at the core of co-ordination, evaluation and progressive growth. Energies which must coalesce in vital nuclei, drawing from the soul of the people the elements of conservation and progress, giving value to authority as strength and exponent of popular sovereignty and social collaboration.

The necessary and urgent reforms in the field of social security, in labour legislation, in the formation and care of small business and of social communication must tend to meliorate the situation of the lesser classes. While the strengthening of the economic forces within the European Union, the increase in production, the tax reform in favour of the family founded on marriage, the solution of the chronic problem of the less developed regions, the scholastic reorganisation and the care of the environment will favour a balanced and sustained development in Europe.

**Inspired by the principles expressed above, we hereby present ourselves to the political life of the European Union. On behalf of *SOLIDARITY – Freedom, Justice and Peace* we request the commitment to our programme of all people of good will, without distinctions. We appeal to those who know how to combine a good sense of rights and national and European interests. We appeal to those who value and respect the Right to life of every human being from conception, during the full arc of its growth until its natural death.**

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