



THE AUGUSTINIAN ORDER

WHY in the UN?



The Order of St. Augustine is associated to the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organization, working in close relationship with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and other religious and civil non-governmental organizations.



THE SITUATION IN THE WORLD TODAY

IN A WORLD WITH A POPULATION OF 6.5 BILLION PEOPLE, TWO THIRDS LIVE IN POVERTY AND A CHILD DIES EVERY 5 SECONDS. But the world is rich in knowledge, technology and science. The world is rich too, in spiritual resources.

The early Christian community of Jerusalem was known for sharing life and goods, joys and hopes, in solidarity and love. As for Augustine, this experience is also a point of reference for the Augustinians. "To have one heart and one mind entirely centred on God", "to share with those most in need" and "to hold all things in common" are our proposal of a lifestyle for today, the same that Augustine took for his own Community.

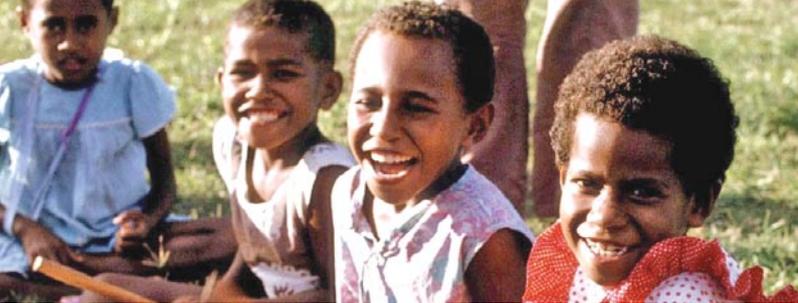
THE AUGUSTINIAN ROLE IN THE UN

**Our AIM
is to
support and
promote . . .**

Education for the Culture of Peace

**The Promotion & Defense
of Human Rights**

The Eradication of Hunger



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OUR MISSION

Through our association to the UN the Augustinian family will make ever more fruitful the common life witness we bear and the pastoral works of education, development and human rights promotion.

1. To encourage awareness and to train Augustinians in the mission of educating and promoting the culture of peace and human rights.
2. To familiarize our laity with the declarations, projects and activities of the United Nations, particularly in the fields of education, human rights and the eradication of hunger.
3. To urge the creation of the Secretariat of Justice & Peace in the circumscriptions where it does not exist and to empower it where it does.

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**What
Augustine
says ...**



**What the
Scripture
says ...**

“This is the finest aspect of the United Nations; it is its most truly human aspect; it is the ideal that mankind dreams of on its pilgrimage through time; it is the world’s greatest hope; it is, we presume to say, the reflection of the loving and transcendent design of God for the progress of the human family on earth a reflection in which we see the heavenly message of the Gospel.” (John Paul II)

“God does not demand much of you. He asks back what he gave you, and from him you take what is enough for you. The superfluities of the rich are the necessities of the poor. When you possess superfluities, you possess what belongs to others”

(Exposition on Psalm 147, 12)

“You give bread to a hungry person, but it would be better were no one hungry, and you could give it to no one. You clothe the naked person. Would that all were clothed and this necessity did not exist”

(Tractate 1 John 8.8)

**“As often as you did it to one of these,
you did it to me”**

(Matthew 25, 40)

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