

International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDLP) 2019

Theme: Peace is always possible!

Theme explanation:

The 2013 ILDP's theme was under the heading 'Peace is possible'. The themes that were developed year after year revealed the desire and the passion of Young Lasallians to promote and spread peace. We believe peace is possible. We want to reaffirm our conviction by inviting all the Youngs Lasallians to assert, proclaim and prove with concrete actions that #PeaceIsAlwaysPossible

Furthermore, our theme stems from this year Institute's theme '*Great Things are Possible. Overcoming divisions while respecting uniqueness. Inter religious dialogue*'

"The current situation in the country, needs strong attention from the believers, who can work together for the construction of peace," said Brother Christoph Schneider, member of the Taizè ecumenical community, referring to the particular situation that Colombia lives in relation to the indiscriminate violence that it suffers as a nation due to the differences caused in the face of the peace process.

We are living day after day, like everywhere in the world, hope is broken by a peaceful place where the ideals and dreams of people are not cut short by selfishness, indifference, discrimination, resentment and craving of power. It destroys the desire of many people to work in the construction of a better world, where healthy coexistence, mutual cooperation, respectful and fraternal treatment and opportunities to get ahead, motivating us to put all our strength and commitment to this work, which is the work of God.

Of course, in us there is the possibility that this world is transformed into what we want and really need. But, we must work together, live with our differences and act as the church of God, the temple of the transcendent, where we speak the divine that exists inside all people and that cries out to us, "let's go, there is still a chance!" We are called to make use of what is common in all of us and can unify us, faith, to give way to a true communal experience where differences are our greatest opportunities, in order to grow, evolve and create a happier world where we all fit.

Yes, great things are possible & peace is always possible. Let's stand together to overcome differences through Peace. Peace requires hard work, and that hard work can bring pain as it involves loss of comfort. Let's journey with peace and say no to divisions, no to conflicts, no to stereotypes, no to hatred, no to assumptions and no to violence!

We firmly believe that "... The planet does not need more successful people. But it does desperately need more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of every kind. It needs people who live well in their places. It needs people of moral courage willing to join the fight to make the world habitable and humane." David W. Orr, *Ecological Literacy: Educating Our Children for a Sustainable World*