

PER AMORE DEL MIO POPOLO NON TACERO'

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FOR THE SAKE OF MY PEOPLE I AM NOT GOING TO BE SILENT

We are concerned Helplessly do we watch the pain of so many families who can see their children miserably end victims or instigators of crime organizations.

Camorra

With violence, arms in their hands, camorristas impose unacceptable rules: extortions that have seen our areas become more and more subsidized, objects of assistance deprived of any autonomous ability to develop, bribes of twenty per cent or above on building works, which would discourage the most temerarious entrepreneur, illicit traffic for the buying and selling of narcotics whose use produces hosts of marginalized young people and labour available for criminal organizations.

Precise political responsibilities

It is by now clear that the break-up of civilian institutions has allowed the infiltration of Camorra power at all levels. Camorra fills a vacuum of State power which in peripheral administrations is characterized by corruption, burocratic delays and favouritism. Perhaps our communities will be in need of new models of behaviour, certainly of new models of reality, of testimony, of examples in order to be credible.

The Christians' engagement

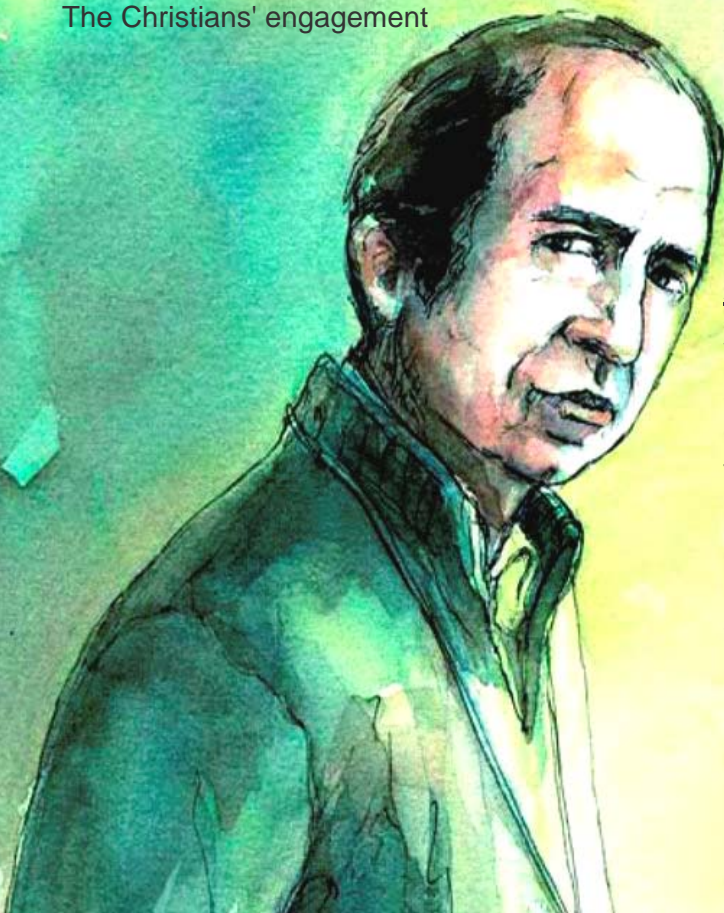
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An Appeal

We ask the priests, our pastors and brethren and scouts to speak clearly in their homilies and on all those occasions in which a courageous testimony is required; we ask the Church not to renounce her prophetic role so that the instruments of denunciation and announcement may become new reality in the sign of justice, of solidarity, of ethical and civil values.

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