

MESSAGE TO POPE FRANCIS

concerts for
Peace

I - Holy Father, Priest of humanity

II - Christ bequeathed to humanity the greatest commandment in the form of a sentence, when he taught:

III - “Love one another, as I have loved you”;

IV - Guided by this love for the others and inspired by the light of the Divine Holy Spirit, João Targino, creator of the Orquestra Criança Cidadã, formulated to Mrs. Elena Pascale, Educational Director of the Cavalsassi Foundation, during a visit to her in the city of Rome, in the month of April 2022, the idea of “Concerts for Peace”;

V - These concerts, in the fraternal communion of Brazilian, Italian, Russian and Ukrainian musicians, would aim to demonstrate to the world that “in art there is no war”. That a conflict between people and nations can be established for any reason, except for artistic purposes;

VI - This suggestion was promptly welcomed and shared by Pino Scafuro, Moderator of Charis Internacional, and by Gilberto Barbosa, Founder of the Obra de Maria Community. What was lacking then was the agreement of Your Holiness, Pope Francis, who said yes to the idea when it was presented to him directly by Pino Scafuro. In this way, what was in the ideal plan began to come to concrete.

VII - Holy Father, it is imperative to say that the “Concerts for Peace” are not intended to judge whether the reason or the right in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine helps one country or another;

VIII - The young musicians who are part of this project are, here, united before Your Holiness — the great architect of peace —, in a world permeated by wars, to affirm, in the lesson of Mahatma Gandhi, that: “there is not one only path to peace, because peace is the way” and only peace builds for eternity;

IX - In the opposite of peace, war is the demonstration of what is most abominable and archaic in men. It is, therefore, the reveal of his insane bestiality, his immoderate greed and his lack of love on the most Dantesque level;

X - In this sacred soil of the Vatican, where the Son of the Father built his church, that artistic manifestation can become another planted seed, for the harvest of the fruits of universal and inclusive peace among all people.

After all, we are all brothers in Jesus Christ.

