

# CLC + Social Justice



## General principles (40 years old)

We are particularly aware of the pressing need to work for justice through a preferential option for the poor and a simple life style, which expresses our freedom and solidarity with them. (4)

Our life is essentially apostolic.

The field of CLC mission knows no limits to serve individual persons and society by opening hearts to conversion and struggling to change oppressive structures. (8)

# ITAICI world assembly 1998

searching for our common mission

Christ and social reality

« *side by side with the poor* »

for a more just world



- *Witnessing to our way of life*
- *Standing as prophets in our world*
- *Formation through experience*

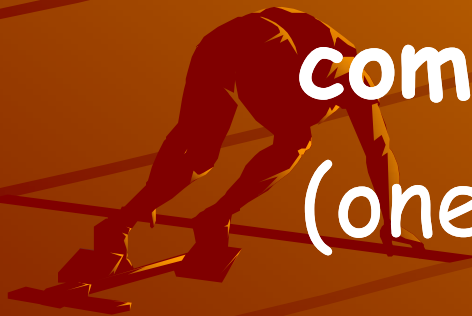
*and action*

- *Networking and*
- *collaborating*



# Celje, european assembly 1999

Within the common mission  
(cf Itaici) searching for  
common priorities and  
common concrete projects  
(one of 4 areas of concern:  
social justice)



# Euroteam meeting, Paris 1999

Under the guidance of the world president  
**José-Maria Riera +**

the world vice ecclesiastic assistant, **Fernando  
Salas sj**

we choose as one of the common « projects »  
the field of **forced migration**

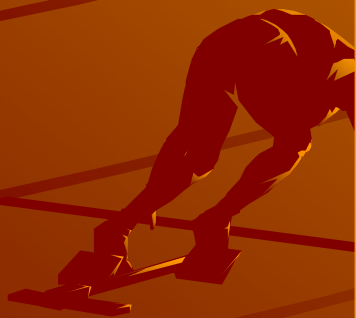
and proposed it to the National CLC for  
concretisation

# Malta, July 2001

## 1rst forced migration meeting

Be **friends** to forced migrants



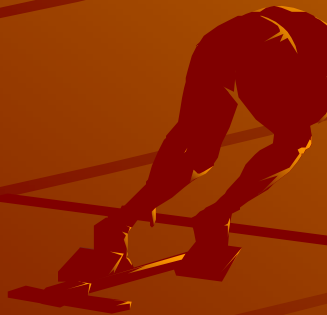


# Tell the truth around you



# Network with others

✦ Links to JRS, Caritas, .....



# Beyond Europe



# person or group

Belgium: group of CLCers and JRS

France, Luxemburg, Spain: existing  
CLC forced migration groups

## Others:

- Publications
- Seminars
- Christmas activity
- aso

# Schönbrunn, January 2003

## 2. forced migration meeting

### Workshops

1. The stranger (+ the orphan and the widow)  
in the center of the Bible

2. Prejudices against foreigners  
and our answers

[http://www.clc-  
europe.org/forced\\_migration.htm](http://www.clc-europe.org/forced_migration.htm)



Nairobi, July 2003

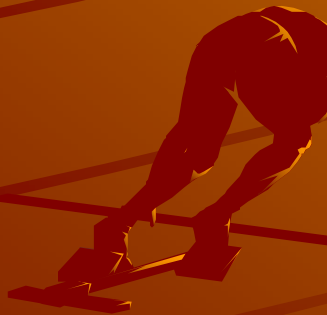
discern, send, support, evaluate  
Lille, May 2004

Evaluate and continue!



# Alicante, February 2006

## 3rd forced migration meeting



## With spanish Jesuits

- ✦ Sharing
- ✦ Discussing
- ✦ Praying
- ✦ Planing for more intense communication  
(Googlegroup aso)



# Ecumenical meeting Stuttgart 2007

Let us say YES



- ✦ to a just economy, at the service of every person and of all humankind.
- ✦ to solidarity with the poor and the marginalized



✦ To ask governments and the EU to work for the poor and for development of disadvantaged nations, especially Africa.

✦ To work so that through everyone's participation, cities might become places of solidarity and welcome for people of different nationalities and cultures.

2007

the light of Christ shines upon all



1. better pastoral care for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees

2. promote the rights of ethnic minorities in Europe, particularly the Roma people

3. strong support to the *Millennium Development Goals* of the United Nations as an urgent practical step towards the alleviation of poverty



4. debt cancellation and the promotion of fair trade.

5. Every year, 1.09 - 4.10, dedicated to prayer for protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles = our contribution to climate change.

Concern for  
social justice

here and now

