

'Searching for Life in Larger Freedom: The Contribution of Human Rights'

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REFERENCES

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" *John 10:10*

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and **to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small**, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and **better standards of life in larger freedom.**

– *Charter of the United Nations, 1945*

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world, Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy **freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want** has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people, Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law, Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations, Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter **reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person** and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress **and better standards of life in larger freedom.** -

- *Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Preamble para.1*

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

- *Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Article 1*

Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.

- *Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Article 29*

Pacem in Terris. Pope John XXIII, 1963

Laudato Si, Pope Francis, 2015

Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis, 2020