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### **Justice & Peace Letter for January 2013**

*Please read this letter aloud to your congregation unless there is a serious problem about that: I have tried hard to make it genuinely readable.*

“This is a short letter from Bishop Peter Moran, President of Justice & Peace Scotland.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Each New Year I get to address you about Peace and about Justice.

I am well aware that this is a privileged ‘top spot’ on the year’s programme.

We’re pretty lucky in Scotland – or at least, most of us are.

But what about those who aren’t? Surely we care about them?

We may not be rich but we’re relatively safe:

- there’s no war tearing our country apart
- no-one is threatening us with kidnap or violence

But not everyone is so lucky at this New Year: in the Middle East and parts of Africa **peace** is a distant dream.

Some of us have our health, and our home, and our job: we may feel secure. We have what we are entitled to. Perhaps we assume it will always be so.

But many people are not so lucky – the sick, the disabled, the unemployed, the homeless, the asylum seekers. They don’t always get what they’re entitled to. For many people, even in Scotland, **justice** is a distant dream.

I believe, and so do you, that this has got to change.

Don’t war and injustice make you angry?

Peace and justice are what God wants. **When is somebody going to do something about it?**

**Somebody?**

Let me quote a well-known remark: **If not me, who? If not now, when?**

As Catholics, we have been asked to think again about how Christ’s good news can spread:

You’ll have heard it called **New Evangelisation.**

Working for peace and justice would give a wonderful witness, a new Gospel message.

It can start small, and it should start local – in your community, in your parish.

Please think of joining, or starting, a Justice & Peace group among your friends.

Contact us at Justice & Peace for information, ideas and support: that’s what we’re there for.

A very happy, fair and peaceful New Year to you and all those around you.

Bishop Peter