

CHARTER OF THE PRIEST FRIEND TO ANIMALS

He is amazed at Creation and all of God's creatures.

He wishes to live in harmony with all the Created, particularly with animals, following the example of saint Francis of Assisi, saint Philippe Neri and saint Martin of Porres..



Le Bon Pasteur

He holds the spirit of compassion and love of Christ for all Creation.

He exposes without end the abusive exploitation of animals. For him, an animal is not just a piece of meat. He doesn't follow the unfortunate bad habits of consumption of today's society

He doesn't hesitate to invite other Christians, young or old, to pursue God's Love towards animals. To do this, he uses concrete examples from nature itself and teachings from the Bible, like in his homilies, catechism and groups of prayers.

He regrets the hostility and mistrust from today's hierarchical Church, still giving a minimal speech about animals.

He hopes we can rethink Christian morality in the light of a more ethical justice, which also takes animals into account. For him, the suffering caused to animals by humans can't be held back in silence anymore.

The priest friend to animals doesn't tolerate this common phrase :

"Animals are there in the service of man, so he can use them and abuse them as he pleases."

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Is 11, 6-9)

All our reflection and our theological action is based on this marvellous passage from Isaiah, sometimes identified as "Paradise Found".

For Isaiah, who follows the biblical tradition, animals are not enemies, nor are they rivals. Le peaceful coexistence of living beings, harmony between humans and animals becomes a reality with the New David.

The reign of Justice from David, a kind of universal peace that can be defined as a peaceful cohabitation and friendship of all living beings, that means the cobras, the lion cub and the little boy. In fact, even the most repugnant and dreaded of the all, the one cursed by God himself, the serpent, (Gn 3,14) is harmless with the child.

The objective of our Fraternity
Is to encourage and develop

The idea of cosmic peace between all creatures.

Help us make this dream come true.

Let us have solidarity, us humans,

With all living beings that God created.

Since I agree with the

Charter of the priest friend to animals

I support the

Fraternité Sacerdotale Internationale pour le Respect de l'Animal
International Sacerdotal Fraternity of the Respect of Animals

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WE PRAY OUR HOLY FATHER

- not to extinguish the hope that John Paul II gave birth to in 1979, when he **proclaimed saint Francis of Assisi the Patron of ecologists** and expressed it even clearly, in November 1981, to the Italian Animal Protection Society :

"I am happy to be among you, deserving ecologists, and readily I address my encouragement for the work you accomplish in saving our natural heritage and the protection of animals... May God assist you and give you abundant rewards for your noble deserving involvement."

WE CALL UPON OUR CHURCH

To accept

- Celebrating officially** nature and animals on saint Francis of Assisi Day (October 4th) all around the world.
- Introducing the idea of **the respect** of animals **in normal catechesis for kids**.
- Exposing in public** light acts of suffering done to animals, cocreatures of ours, caused by over consumption and perverse effects of globalisation.
- Condemning** religious celebrations where animal suffering is involved

WE HOPE OUR FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

Direct representative of the message of saint Francis of Assisi :

- will assist us in the **creation of a commission of compassion for animals, our brothers of Creation**, in every country where their community is found, to open the eyes and raise awareness to the sufferings caused by the ignorance of animal's **sensation of pain**

WE HOPE THAT PAX CHRISTI

- May include the defence of animals, **the new martyrs of globalisation** (industrial breeding, tests for cosmetics, inhumane transportation, science without conscience), in their work for Peace.

WE CALL OUT TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

And invite them to share our compassion, **for the smallest of the smallest** :

- to pray the Lord together to give the same grace we received to our brothers that don't understand that our faith **calls for more compassion and respect towards everything created**.
- To **join** our International Sacerdotal Fraternity.
- To **represent** our Fraternity in different countries.

WE THANKS THE EDUCATORS

To teach the children, at a young age :

- Respect** for all life and nature
- Compassion** for all that suffer
- Protection** of the weak
- The desire to become **builders of Peace**

And to make them

- strong** against the tempting **Consumer society**