



The *Fratelli tutti* Foundation

The *Fratelli tutti* Foundation was born to extend a hand to the world and to contribute to the mission of St. Peter and his successor, the Pontiff.

Our dream is inspired by a biblical icon, the encounter between Peter and Cornelius described in chapter ten of the *Acts of the Apostles*. When the Roman centurion and his family welcome the first of the apostles into their home by Divine inspiration, Peter realizes that fraternity makes him equal to Cornelius, and the God he saw risen knows no bounds nor can He be contained in different cultures. This is the beginning of the Church's encounter with different people, nations and religions; this is the turning point that made the Church "catholic", prompting Peter and the apostles to proclaim the life of Jesus of Nazareth to all. When the Holy Spirit descends into the hearts, it allows every man to live the same experience as the apostles.

The Foundation's goals are summarized by the phrase "Recognizing one another as brothers and **evangelizing cultures so we can walk together.**"

Through the symbolic power of embracing the world expressed by Bernini's colonnade, designed to welcome women and men of all times, **the Foundation's mission is to foster "fraternity" and "social friendship". This is why it is placed "on the threshold"**, between St. Peter's Basilica and the city, as our logo symbolizes.

The logo represents St. Peter's Basilica, from which the foundation was born, and the embrace of Bernini's colonnade reaching out to the world from which the mission starts. This is composed of people on the move, who on the one hand are welcomed and on the other express the very dynamism of the Church that includes, forming the embrace. The blue background recalls the sky, which plunges us into its depth.

The teachings of Pope Francis, as found in his magisterial texts and gestures of openness and inclusion, **are the style that animates us.**

The Foundation's mission areas are:

- 1) **The paths of art and faith**, to allow the many tourists to be able to live a spiritual experience by grasping the sense of the various dimensions of beauty.
- 2) Building an education community around St. Peter's through events, experiences, paths, and spiritual exercises in **the area of cultural and spiritual formation**. Young people and adults with a variety of backgrounds (scientists and students, entrepreneurs and workers, professionals and employees, managers and retirees, teachers and unemployed, etc.) will have the opportunity to meet and get to know one another and dream together.
- 3) Build "social alliance" through **dialogue** with cultures and other religions on the issues of the Pope's recent encyclicals.

The karst river of our work is the spirituality of fraternity that nurtures hearts, draws people out of their land and permits free and responsible decisions for the good of all. In his Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, from which the Foundation gets its name, Pope Francis writes "**Fraternity necessarily calls for something greater, which in turn enhances freedom and equality.**" This is the sociopolitical condition for constructing "universal love" that respects and protects people's dignity.



To realize the new humanism requires the generous and available commitment of all, and the Foundation is a way to **rewrite together a “human grammar”** that makes us to recognize even when we do not know each other personally.

The following are the specific objectives set forth in our Statute:

Art. 3 - The Foundation has the purpose of solidarity, formation, dissemination of art, especially sacred art; promotion of synodality, culture of fraternity and dialogue.

To this end, the Foundation:

- I. promotes holistic formation, attentive to the spiritual and the cultural level, to the community dimension and to the commitment to service in the world;
- II. encourages and promotes spiritual, cultural and artistic experiences and itineraries so that tourists can experience the pilgrim dimension in St. Peter's Basilica and in the spaces made available by the Fabric of Saint Peter;
- III. organizes itineraries, pathways and experiences to foster fraternity and social friendship between different Churches, denominations and religions and between believers and non-believers;
- IV. promotes the culture of peace in the various spheres of life, from the personal to the social and political dimension;
- V. encourages 'new encounters' nourished by social dialogue, a sense of social forgiveness, the purification of memory, and the promotion of restorative justice as an alternative to social revenge;
- VI. sponsors initiatives that foster the development of fraternal humanism, through the promotion of the principles of freedom, equality and fraternity, conditions for building a "universal love" that recognizes and protects the dignity of persons;
- VII. promotes projects for the care of creation, protection of environmental resources, international solidarity and social responsibility;
- VIII. promotes social alliance, responsible and generative entrepreneurship, the involvement and protagonism of communities, pluralism of forms of enterprise, social investments, forms of decent work that are in harmony with life; integral ecology, participatory and sustainable development, ecological transition, health, scientific and technological research in the light of the principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church;
- IX. supports responsible communication, truthfulness of sources, pluralist information, credibility and reliability of those committed to building bridges;
- X. in the symbolic embrace of the colonnade of St. Peter's Basilica, it takes on the care of the weakest, the outsider and the foreigner, the different and the marginalized; it goes beyond cultural and social frontiers to re-read the suffering of the world and offer solutions in the light of the Gospel and the pontifical magisterium.

We are waiting for you to walk with us.