The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission has its roots in the Pastoral Constitution, Gaudium et Spes: “The council...regards it as most opportune that an organism of the universal Church be set up in order that both the justice and love of Christ toward the poor might be developed everywhere.” (1965, n. 90) The Synod of Bishops on Justice in the World also states that “Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us...as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel. (1971, n. 6)

In 1982, the commission was jointly formalized by the Union of Superior Generals (USG) and the International Union of Superior Generals (UISG).

The JPIC Commission promotes and supports the integration of JUSTICE, PEACE & INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC) in the life and mission of the member congregations of the Union of Superior Generals (USG) and the International Union of Superior Generals (UISG). It is responsible for animating men and women religious in justice, peace and integrity of creation according to the evangelical counsels, through experience, social analysis, spiritual reflection and action.

The Commission affirms the values of collaboration and sharing, participation and communication, and commits itself to an option for the poor. The Commission serves the USG and the UISG, both as Unions and, each according to its own charism, as individual member-congregations, to achieve a greater awareness, clearer analysis and more effective action in matters of justice, peace and integrity of creation, particularly as it affects the poor and disadvantaged in society.

The Commission fulfills its mission by—
1. analyzing issues and challenges and disseminating information to the USG/UISG and its members and the larger public;
2. providing resources and opportunities for initial and ongoing formation;
3. promoting dialogue and solidarity among religious congregations and others throughout the world in support of valid JPIC concerns;
4. facilitating mutual sharing and assistance among the generalates;
5. serving as a channel for the voices of the poor and oppressed around the world to the generalates and other organizations
6. networking among religious institutes, non-governmental organizations and other entities;
7. supporting advocacy and corporate action by the USG/USIG and individual member institutions.

Two executive co-secretaries, a man and a woman religious, manage the Secretariat.

All members of the USG and the UISG are invited to designate a JPIC Promoter for their respective congregation/institute to animate their membership in integrating justice, peace and integrity of creation into their spiritual and ministerial lives as men and women religious.
The Promoters are grouped into the two main language groups of the Commission—English and Spanish religious communities.

**JPIC Groups**

**Commission Committees**
Committees are established and charged to undertake particular tasks related to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Commission. Each year, the Commission reviews the purposes, activities and reports of established committees.

**Commission Working Groups**
Commission-sponsored Working Groups (WG) address specific JPIC concerns which are fully supported by the USG-UISG. These include:
- Africa WG
- Anti-trafficking WG
- Integrity of Creation WG
- Refugee and Migrant WG

**Promoters Working Groups**
Working Groups initiated by JPIC Promoters focusing on specific areas of concern include:
- Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church
- ICR at FAO

**Monthly Prayer Service**
For the “needs of our times” organized by the SP-PT Promoters

**Networks**
The Commission collaborates with organizations and associations that work on JPIC concerns, which include the following:
- English JPIC Promoters and Spanish JPIC Promoters representing the international community in Rome
- Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- Caritas Internationalis
- Service for Documentation and Study (SEDOS)
- Africa-Europe-Faith-Justice-Network (AEFJN)
- Interfaith Centre for Peace and Justice (CIPAX)
- Catholic-inspired NGOs (Roman Forum)
- Talitha Kum
- Embassies to the Holy See

**Publications**
- Newsbriefs
- E-news

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