

Growing a Culture of Peace monthly bulletin for parishes and schools!**From the Columban Mission Institute Centre for Peace Ecology and Justice!****No 9, October 2012: “Out of the mouths of babes”**

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Locked Bag 2002, Strathfield NSW 2135Ph 02 9352 8021 Fax 02 9746 8033 Email pej.cmi@columban.org.au**Growing a Culture of Peace Monthly Bulletin****#9 “Out of the mouths of babes”****October 7th : 27th Sunday Ordinary Time****Reflection: Mark 10:2-16** “Let the children come to me; ... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

We’ve all had one of those times when a child has spoken a truth innocently. Their close adults have cringed in embarrassment at being caught out and someone has commented “Out of the mouths of babes?” The little child has an openness to life which is a gift for us all to nurture. How tragic it is then that around the globe, and even in affluent Australia, so many children have this potential stifled because they are suffering from hunger. How can we live with the knowledge that there is enough food in the world to feed everybody? It’s the current system of food production and distribution that is not working. We adults must be as honest as children about this situation, find out more about it and then use our skills to bring about change for the good.

Fact File: The theme of this year’s World Food Day is “Agricultural cooperatives – key to feeding the world”, chosen to highlight the role of cooperatives in improving food security and contributing to the eradication of hunger.

Learn More: The Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance has produced a draft “Peoples’ Food Plan”. You are asked to discuss it and make suggestions. See <http://australian.foodsovereigntyalliance.org/>

Take Action: For World Food Day (October 16th), support Caritas West Africa Food Crisis Appeal www.caritas.org.au and join in an “Eat Local, Feed Global” activity. www.oxfam.org.au