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## GOOD NEWS

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Imagining the future is the first step towards creating it.

### FAIR TRADE SCHOOLS

Fair Trade is celebrating 30 years of working with schools. Most children are well informed re Fair Trade principles and Trade Justice.

### GLOBAL CORPORATION TAX

International Tax Law changes at the beginning of 2024 mean that multinational companies can no longer avoid paying tax by using tax havens. A global international minimum corporation tax of 15% of profits means that the tax provides governments with vital funds to provide public services, invest in infrastructures, and tackle issues such as climate change and poverty.

### OUR OCEANS WILL NOT BE EMPTY

Some fish stocks are declining. Some increasing. Overfishing rates have been slowing. 83% of fish is now caught sustainably.

### PROGRESS IN HUMAN METRICS

Life expectancy has doubled in the last 200 years. Three quarters of people lived in extreme poverty. Half of children born died before 5 years of age. Today it is 4%.

## FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

### NICARAGUA

Two bishops, eighteen priests and two seminarians have been released from prison. Their crime was speaking out against injustices and repression of peoples' freedom for justice and human freedoms. But they have not been allowed to stay in their own country and have been expelled to the Vatican.

### NIGERIA

Aid to The Church in Need reports that 300 people were killed in extremist attacks in 30 villages in

Plateau State on Christmas Eve. These were coordinated attacks and the perpetrators have not been held to account. Villages were burned down, thousands made homeless and food supplies destroyed. The displaced people fled to churches as places of refuge, rather to the police, whom they do not trust.

### COMPUTER SAYS YOU ARE FIRED

Four in ten jobs worldwide will be affected by artificial intelligence, the International Monetary Fund has warned.

While around half of the workers will benefit from the integration of AI, which could boost productivity, the rest could see salaries cut and "in the most extreme cases some of these jobs may disappear", according to the IMF.

### God our creator and sustainer

**We thank you** for the gifts of creativity you have given us, for the ability to explore science and understand your creation

**We ask your** forgiveness for the times we have used science for evil and not for good, for war and not for peace.

**Make us** vigilant as we develop technology;

that violence and discrimination may not take root, that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled, that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost.

**May all that we create** contribute to peace and justice

**Amen**

(Pax Christi)

## ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Pray for those persecuted for their faith worldwide, especially for Nigeria.

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