50th Anniversary of Pacem in Terris.
Making sense of military practice
in a globalizing world

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Lecture's content

1. Historical contexts of Pacem In Terris
2. Content and Structure of Pacem in Terris
3. Methodological aspects of Pacem in Terris
4. The reception of Pacem in Terris
5. Military issues in Pacem in Terris
6. Final remarks
1. Historical Contexts

- 1.a Roncalli
- 1.b Second World War
- 1.c United nations
- 1.d Arms Race
- 1.e Development and freedom-decolonization
Content and structure of Pacem in Terris

- Introduction: order
- Part I: relations between individuals
- Part II: the individual person and public authority
- Part III: relations between states
- Part IV: individuals, states and the international community
- Part V: Pastoral guidance
Methodical aspects of Pacem in Terris

- Pastoral, non doctrinal approach.
- Understanding the signs of time
- Three steps:
  a. Perception, becoming involved, description, analysis
  b. Judgment: interpretation, evaluation
  c. Acting: programs
- Degrees of specificity
- Deontology integrated into teleology
Reception of Pacem in Terris

- Is Pacem in Terris overly optimistic about human nature and the possibilities for peace?
- Theological evaluations
- Political philosophy: neo realism versus moralism?
- Economic philosophy and communism
- Dialogue: a strategic concept
Relevance of *Pacem in Terris* for the military: a closer look

- Human dignity, rights and duties of soldiers
- The soldiers conscience
- Pacifism?
- Moral preference for non violent conflict resolution and negotiation.
- The future of 'just war’
Relevance of Pacem in Terris for the military: a closer look (2)

- The need for hope
- The need for pastoral intervention
- Arms race, nuclear deterrence and nuclear disarmament
- Meaning and value of the military profession
- The military need for a type of 'interim ethics'
Final Remarks

- The military's performance as a last resort
- The need for systemic effort for human rights
- The need for interpretation of evil and sin.
- The need for handling double effect
- The need for military planning based on PDE