

Greetings on the Feast of St. Francis

St. Francis in front of the United Nations supporting a broken chair*. This chair represents the victims of landmines and as such all those who suffer injustice.

This image of St. Francis is from the painting by Giotto of 'The Dream of Pope Innocent III: Francis supporting the collapsing church.'

As Franciscans we participate in St. Francis' mission with the hope that the dream becomes true for a lively church and a just and peaceful world. We believe that the values of Saints Francis and Clare and the values of the gospel are a fundamental contribution to building a world "in which the dignity of every person is respected, resources are shared equitably, the environment is sustained, and nations and peoples live in peace." (*Franciscans International Vision*)

United in prayer and our hope for a more just and peace-filled world.



**The Broken Chair by Swiss artist, Daniel Berset. Erected in the Place des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, on 18 August 1997. It was the concept of Paul Vermeulen, Director of the NGO, Handicap International.*

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