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Mons. Cesare Lodeserto, the president of Regina Pacis Foundation

Dear Mr president, to start with, please refer to what is the mission of Regina Pacis

Foundation in Moldova?

The basic mission of the Foundation is to contribute to the reduction of poverty and development of the territory, putting into action any gesture of possible solidarity. At the same time, we know well that they are not enough, because we need to be alongside the poor, giving them the possibility to grow, improving their living standards, not to be forced to emigrate to other countries in search of a better life.



What can you report us regarding the proposed objectives?

I want to mention that the main aim is to see Moldovan people out of poverty, free to live in peace and with dignity, beyond any form of frustration, social isolation, and abandonment. That's a fact, and it should be mentioned that in recent years Moldova is increasing in population and people traverse a phase of improving their living conditions. But they are not enough, because there is still a need to overcome much poverty.

Who are the beneficiaries of Regina Pacis Foundation?

The services of Regina Pacis Foundation are provided for the benefit of many elderly people, who, in addition to humanitarian aid, get hot lunches and bread every day. Then, we help poor children both within the Foundation and in their families. We organize a series of activities to prevent women, particularly the young ones, from being trafficked or attracted into clandestine migration. We strive to get them employment, their jobs being dignified and legal. Besides this, we provide assistance to detainees and to all those who knock on our door every day.

After almost eight years of work we can talk about visible results in the field of social assistance for children from socially vulnerable families, needy people, etc.

I think it is not modest to talk about what has been done, because real welfare cannot be seen. It remains in the hearts of those who have done it and those who have benefited from it. But a lot of good things have been done, many children are happy, many young women were saved from being trafficked for sexual exploitation, many elderly people receive lunch and can eat regularly. Many objectives have been achieved which had not been hoped for or expected.

How do you estimate the impact of the Regina Pacis Foundation activity on cultural development in the Republic of Moldova?



Moldova has a tradition of great cultural interest; it has traditions, which in most cases remain in the shade, because there are no possibilities and means to present its own treasures. Moldova has a history composed of both great periods and difficult moments. Regina Pacis Foundation has written beautiful pages about the history of this country, with humility and especially supporting those in need, always walking among the last, but speaking to the powerful. The Foundation has few projects of cultural character, but we see in the development of culture that fundamental opportunity for expressing the strength and greatness of this nation.

2008 was declared the Year of Youth in Moldova, what do you think, in these quite complicated times, what would be the most important qualities to cultivate in a young generation for the personal success of the individual but also of the society as a whole?

First of all, it is important to be beside the young people because they represent the true source of a growing society. Unfortunately, young people migrate, they prefer to leave their homeland and this is a very serious problem, which should make us understand what is happening. I must mention that it is our duty and we need to be beside young people, to work with them in the field of education and culture. We should offer such opportunities to young people for them to believe that not only migration can solve their problems. As mentioned, it is necessary to offer the individual the possibility to grow and develop, especially to young people, while there is a need to give a strong impulse to society, also through young people.

Speaking of success ... What is the "business card" of Regina Pacis Foundation?

The business card is the "bread" that is produced daily and is distributed in the streets to the poor, elderly people and all those who need it. The business card is the act of donation, and not only bread, so there would be no poor people, so the Moldovan people could grow, because this great land of Moldova can be presented to the whole world as a great opportunity.

Who are your main partners?

Our true partners are people of good will, those who donate what we need every day to continue our projects, primarily entrepreneurs working in Moldova, in particular, those Italians, who see how many good things we do, they support us and believe in what we do. We also have foreign partners and supporters, starting with Italy and ending with Germany. To continue our activity we need resources, which can be obtained by presenting our projects to various sponsors and subsequently carrying out correctly the projects. But just as important to us is the support of many friends, who through small and large donations encourage our activity. I wish that all those who read this interview, could make a gesture of help. Thank you.

Could you talk about some plans for the future?

We have a well-structured plan for the future. First of all, to *amplify the services for detainees*, whose situation is very dramatic, to devote ourselves to *elderly people*, to pay attention to *children*, in particular, because of their mothers' absence, who migrate more and more; turning the *Cenacle Regina Pacis* into a center of human and Christian education.



We are on the eve of the winter holidays; do you have a message for the readers of our Bulletin?

Friends, we must prevail over the cold, but not the one of snow-bound and frozen nights, but the one in our hearts, very often indifferent to those who suffer.

But what do you wish for your employees on the eve of the winter holidays?

My collaborators are heroes, for the simple reason that they are patient with me. They are some wonderful people, who understand very well the role of Regina Pacis Foundation in Moldova, therefore they are not just employees, but they are my friends, with who we try to help the poor, and for this I want to thank them personally and on behalf of all those who know them or will get to know them.

Thank you very much for your time and we wish you health, happiness, peace and prosperity in 2009. Happy Holidays!

And I thank you.

Ilie Zabica, the director of Regina Pacis Foundation

What was the greatest achievement / the biggest failure in this position in 2008, I refer to the position of director, because you have so many responsibilities?

The current year has been an eventful year, a particularly important year for the Regina Pacis Foundation. In 2008 were inaugurated two new structures of the Foundation; it is the Social Center in Vărvăreuca (Florești) village and the Regina Pacis Cenacle in Chisinau. It is important to mention that in order to achieve these two projects more work has been done and huge efforts have been made by all the employees of the Foundation.



What are your expectations in perspective regarding the noble work that you perform for warming up the souls of "those sadder than us"?

The following year will certainly be a complicated one. The crisis of the last months affects us more and more, especially because we depend on financing from the European countries some of which have already entered the phase of active recession. At the same time we understand that in these moments we have a duty to be closer to the one in need. We will work more with sponsor organizations; we will knock on the door of many to continue in subsequent years the work of the Social Centers of the Foundation and the Placement Center for Children.

We are on the verge of the winter holidays, what are your wishes for the beneficiaries of Regina Pacis Foundation?

A wish, it is not just a simple word; it is not a simple hug, a simple handshake! A wish is something more that comes from the heart, something that moves you. Nowadays life does not need formalities or occasional gestures; there is a need for genuine friendship, for sharing happy and sad moments. There is a need for human warmth and kindness.



May you all have a Merry Christmas and may the Nativity bring you peace and more love!

Thank you for your kindness in answering our questions. We wish you Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas!

Thank you very much.

Adrian Braga, manager of the Placement Center for Children "Regina Pacis"

Dear Mr. Braga, as the manager, how do you evaluate the work of the Center for the year 2008?

The Placement Center for Children in 2008 has proposed to offer chances for social integration of disadvantaged categories of children by providing shelter over 24 hours, three meals a day, emergency medical care, social and legal assistance, psychological counselling, education. A lot of work has been done in this respect. The Center collaborators had as a purpose the temporary protection of children in difficulty, their socialization, (re) integration into the biological, extended or adopted family and into the community, psychological and medical counselling. We do not opt for the quantity of the services we offer, but we emphasize the quality and result obtained in our activity with children. I want to mention that we rejoice over the obtained results, which confirm the fact that we were highly appreciated by the Municipal Council for the Protection of Child Rights as a model Center. In addition, during this year, the beneficiaries of the Center have been engaged in several activities such as: excursions, picnics in the forest, organization of various sport contests with the participation of other centers, day camp with the participation of animators from Italy.



How did you manage to be so successful?

Success is primarily attributed to the multidisciplinary team; the collaborators are very receptive in addressing difficulties our children face. An intervention plan is designed for each particular case, which includes short and long term targets regarding the resolution of each case of a child in difficulty. Discussions are held with parents and close relatives of the children and psychological counselling is carried out to improve the relations between children and parents. Benevolent attitude and moral support provided by the collaborators of the Center to every child, helps the development and training of child's personality, his reintegration into his biological family as well as into society.

Winter Holidays are approaching; what message do you have for both children of the center, and your colleagues?

In these holidays I wish children joy in their souls and a New Year with many achievements, and a lot of health, happiness and may their dreams come true, may they have their way enlighten and good living. Happy Holidays!
Thank you very much for your time. We wish you health, success and achievements



in your noble work for a brighter future of the children who are in the guardianship of the Placement Center under Regina Pacis Foundation.

Happy Holidays!

The Editorial team of Regina Pacis Information Bulletin

School – an environment without violence

During this week, pupils from Moldova learn how to prevent violence and how to act when someone is violent with them. The action is part of the initiative "School - an environment without violence", launched in February this year by the Ministry of Education and Youth in partnership with UNICEF Moldova. According to UNICEF studies in 2007, nearly 20 per cent of children were beaten by their own parents, 13 per cent were punished violently by teachers and 10 percent were sexually abused or molested at least once. In the village of Harbovat, county of Anenii-Noi, every day anti-violence lessons are held in the higher grades. During these hours, debates, games, discussions are carried out with teachers about certain cases of violence. 7th grade pupils from the "Ion Creanga" Lyceum in Harbovat admit that they already know more about this phenomenon. "We see violence as an abuse, harassment, suffering, mockery, when a child is treated wrong, is ignored," says Vitalie.

Daniela says that when children are subjected to violence, they feel unhappy. "Violence is when words or deeds of someone scare you, causing pain and suffering to another person."

"We need not have a violent behaviour. Violence makes children suffer - when someone hits you with the hand, belt or stick, pulls your ear or hair, tells you that you are not good for anything, or rejects you", say other children from the 7th grade from the Harbovat Lyceum.

UNICEF representative in Moldova, Alexandra Yuster, who has participated in several anti-violence lessons at the Harbovat Lyceum, says that the dialogue between children and teachers or parents and children is very important. "These lessons will help children understand some things better, discuss them with teachers. We started in school because both parents and children respect teachers. And in our case we have adolescents who teach their peers what violence means. They need to change their behavior. "

"Children need to be informed. In some classes even children are the ones who tell their colleagues about violence and its causes, and that is to understand this phenomenon better," says Anatol Danii, the project consultant from the Ministry of Education. "Such lessons are necessary, not only for a week. We have more problems, among which migration. Many children remain in the care of neighbors or even on their own, and they do not know what is right and what is wrong. They need to be better informed. "

During anti-violence lessons, each pupil receives a booklet with the generic "Let's grow without violence" for grades 1 to 4 and "Adolescence without violence" for grades 5 to 9. The first booklet helps children recognize violence, prevent it, how to react when someone is violent with them or their friends. "Even if we are children and



sometimes we are wrong, nobody has the right to hit us or disrespect us. Neither we have the right to hit, humiliate or cause suffering to other children or adults", are just some pieces of advice that can be found in the new book.

From the booklet for pupils from grades 5 to 9, pupils can learn that there are more types of violence - physical, emotional and sexual. "Beating is not a good way of education. When we are beaten, we do not think about the deed committed, but how to get unpunished another time. In fact the Internet and mobile phone can be sources of violence. We receive an avalanche of abusive messages, viruses that attack our computer or mobile phone", it is mentioned in the booklet.

Pupils can learn that the well-known phrases like - "You are an idler, nothing good will become of you" or "You left a mess again. You are not allowed to go out with your friends if you do not clean the house" are listed in the chapter of emotional violence.

In Moldova there are laws that protect children from violence. Among them are the Law regarding the Rights of the Child and the Law regarding the Prevention and Combat of Domestic Violence. Although the law prohibits the application of ill treatment against children, violence against children in the family and school in Moldova is growing in scale. Also, militants for human rights are concerned that our society treats violence as a norm.

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The spring of 2009 will be very difficult for Moldova. This is the opinion of the counsellor-minister of the Lithuanian Embassy in Moldova, Loreta Zakareviciene, who was on Wednesday, November 13, the protagonist of the European debate in Chisinau, relates Info Prim Neo. "The international financial crisis can not pass Moldova because Moldova is a part of Europe," said the Lithuanian official. Around a million Moldovans are working abroad, most of them illegally. A lot of them will return to Moldova because they lose their jobs, specifies the quoted source.

Even the largest companies as "Volkswagen" and "BMW" reduced 30% of their staff and they have given holiday to the other employees until January 12, 2009. "Will Moldova be ready to receive home 300 thousand citizens? Will they have jobs here? Loreta Zakareviciene wonders.

On the world crisis background, all the currencies fall, particularly the euro. The counsellor-minister claims that she was surprised to see that in this context, the Moldovan currency leu is more and more powerful every day. "Now the situation looks good, but this spring will be a very difficult one for the country. After the elections, in spring 2009, the rate of euro and dollar will increase considerably. This sudden devaluation of the leu will affect negatively the purchasing power of citizens. For this



reason Moldovans should prepare themselves for a difficult period", says Zakareviciene.

Info Prim Neo recalls that Lithuania became a member of the EU in 2004, along with the other Baltic countries, Estonia and Latvia. Also in 2004 it became a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The debates were organized by the Institute of Social Initiatives and Development ISID "Future", in partnership with the Foundation "Friedrich Ebert".

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National Youth Forum will be held in Chisinau

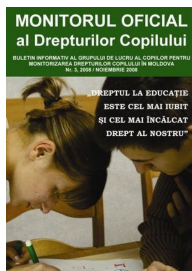
On November 20 and 21 the second National Youth Forum with the generic "The youth participates, the community develops" will be held at the Republic Palace, the agency NOVOSTI-MOLDOVA was informed. The organizer is the Ministry of Education and Youth of the Republic of Moldova.

"Over 1,000 representatives of youth organizations and movements, specialists in the field of youth and sport movement, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Education and Youth will participate in the activity of the forum", the organizers mentioned.

The first youth forum took place in Chisinau in 2006. 1300 young people attended it.

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Children complain: "The right for education is the most loved and most violated of our rights"



"The right for education is the most loved and most violated of our rights", complain those 25 members of the Working Group for Monitoring the Child Rights in Moldova in the third edition of the Official Gazette of the Child Rights, Info Prim Neo relates.

This edition is distributed on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention regarding the Child Rights. The newsletter presents the contributions of the Working Group children for monitoring the right for education. They also expressed their views regarding the educational system of Moldova and found that many times children from Moldova have no access to Internet, have few desks, libraries which are nearly always closed, have a lack of devices, equipment, laboratories for chemistry and physics, sport halls and worst – a lack of teachers.

Meanwhile, the children state in the third number of the Official Gazette that they have to learn the topic independently, because "some teachers come to the half of the lesson and say that they fail to teach the new topic, and it remains for homework".

Also, the Official Gazette of Child Rights noted the presentation in Geneva, by two Moldovan adolescents, of the First Children Report regarding the Compliance with



the Convention regarding the Child Rights, Life in the eyes of a child. In fact, one of the main recommendations in the Children Report was the need for monitoring the right for protection against violence.

The next topic for homework, which children have to do until the beginning of winter holidays, is monitoring the right for protection against violence.

The Official Gazette of Child Rights is being edited through the contribution of 25 children from the Working Group for Monitoring the Child Rights in Moldova, created by the Center for Information and Documentation regarding the Child Rights (CIDCR) in July 2008.

The message of the Working Group of Children for Monitoring the Child Rights is: "In Moldova all things must start with the right, with the right of the child. "
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