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What motivates us to be here, and what motivates our message? Without a doubt, that our faith in Christ and the certainty that it is possible to imagine societies to become more sensitive and humane.

We are not politicians, much less we are people who hold power in the system. We are men and women of faith and family that represent the face of those that have been deprived of freedom; their voice and the heartbeat of their hope.

We are the voices of the many who cry for a just treatment. We are the people of immigrants communities denouncing on the street and from our soul.

We are the message of those, that emigrated from their countries out of fear of the nocturnal aggression, from the persecution of those that believe themselves to be the owner of the lives [that flee], and from the unsustainable poverty that did not allow them to dream for a better tomorrow.

We are brothers and sisters that arrived from their native countries trusting that they will no longer live with injustice, but now they are imprisoned, and some are devastated from the incoherence.

We are people that believe things can change, when there is an authentic willingness to do so. That is why we preach peace, justice, solidarity and freedom, like the daily bread meant for everyone.

We are people that believe that law should be more humane. Because if the law is inhumane then it wounds and festers. The inhumane law only nourishes fear to those who follow the law and make it incapable to provide a legitimate opportunity to the neighbor, so that their cause can be heard and valued.

We believe that the mass incarcerations are against family, they stress on prolonged detention and unmet basic needs. It does not solve the situations; on the contrary, it increases the uncertainty and mistrust of those who should not only govern, but also guarantee freedom, justice, and hope.

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