

SELECTED TOPICS AND ISSUES REGARDING
THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH DEALING WITH A PAST BURDENED
BY VIOLENCE

1. The Church and The European Conquest of “Latin America” (1492-1992): The 500 Years Anniversary of The Conquista and the suffering of Indigene People in The Americas.
2. Europe and The Church in Modern Times - during the era of Slavery, Colonization and The European 1st and 2nd World War (Trade and Strategic interests against human dignity and human rights).
3. The Apartheid Regime in South Africa and The Church of Netherlands, The Boers and racism = violence experiencing and its after-effects.
4. “The Commission of Truth and Reconciliation”:
 - a) In South Africa after The Collapse of The Apartheid Regime. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Steve Biko or “The Crucified among the cross-bearers”).
 - b) In Canada: the truth of the Survivors and their families affected by The Residential Schools (Internates) experience.
(See: The Visit of Pope Francis End of July 2022 in Canada, Edmonton, begging for forgiveness.
5. Special cases of Abuses in The Church and The experience of violence challenging and questioning the credibility and the way of The Church through History and in various cultural contests.
6. The Social Teaching and Practices of The Church promoting Human dignity, justice and Peace, Emancipation and integral Development.

Mediation dynamics and group dynamics to prevent or avoid violence, to facilitate reconciliation in various intercultural and social contest.
7. African autocratic political Regime and “Ecclesia in Africa”(1994), “Africae Munus”(2009), “Evangelii gaudium” (2013).