

KARDINAAL ALFRINK VREDESFONDS (CARDINAL ALFRINK PEACE FUND)

Activity Report 2023

Peace Prize 2023

Established in 1988, the Pax Christi International Peace Award, funded by the Cardinal Bernardus Alfrink Peace Fund, honours contemporary individuals and organisations working for peace, justice and non-violence in different parts of the world.

The Parents Circle – Families Forum (PCFF) is the recipient of the 2023 Pax Christi International Peace Award. The award ceremony will be held in the Holy Land, as soon as the conditions allow, in 2024. Meanwhile, a webinar (virtual programme) was held on 10 December 2023, on Human Rights Day, to present the organisation to the public and share why Pax Christi International has chosen them as the recipient of this year's award.

The Parents Circle – Families Forum (PCFF) is a collaborative Israeli-Palestinian organisation comprising more than 700 families, all of whom have lost a close family member due to the continuing conflict. Furthermore, the PCFF firmly believes that the process of reconciliation between the two nations is an essential precondition for attaining a lasting peace. Consequently, the organisation employs all available resources in the fields of education, public gatherings, and the media to disseminate these concepts.

PCFF collaborates with Combatants for Peace as an organizer and producer of the annual Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony, held on the eve of Israel's Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism to honour the memories of Israelis and Palestinians who have lost loved ones as a result of the ongoing cycle of violence. The date of the event reminds the bereaved on both sides of their shared pain and hope.

Recently, the organisation has faced restrictions preventing them from offering their educational programs in Israeli schools. This prohibition deprives Israeli children and teenagers of the chance to acquire essential skills in constructive communication and reconciliation, fundamental elements in fostering Peace. Despite this, the Parents Circle remains committed to making a positive impact on society, in the achievement of a peaceful environment for the children and their families.

Upon reaching their decision regarding The Parents Circle – Families Forum (PCFF), the members of the Pax Christi International Board acknowledged the organisation's impactful message and actions in the Holy Land, which persistently operate within an unending cycle of violence, recently marked by heightened brutality. This award not only acknowledges the organisation's prior initiatives in advocating for dialogue and nonviolent solutions to the ongoing violence but also, especially at this moment, demonstrates our support, with the aspiration that their work will stand as a paradigm of peace in the Holy Land.

By honouring the Parents Circle, Pax Christi International and its Catholic Nonviolence Initiative hopes to showcase how even while enduring great loss individuals can choose

something other than revenge and hate. We hope to acknowledge their strength and absolute commitment to create an atmosphere where peace and justice can flourish allowing all those who live in the Holy Land to live with dignity and a hope for a better future”, said Martha Inés Romero, Secretary General of Pax Christi International.

The Parents Circle joint directors, Nadine Quomsieh and Yuval Rahamim in receiving the news of the Peace award 2023 said: “This year we see our mission as even more important as violence, fear, and hate are rising in the region. Our commitment remains to do whatever we can to prevent more families in this land from losing their loved ones. We thank the board of Pax Christi and hope that this award will help carry our message to more people in our communities and around the world”.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS 2023

1	Bank account balances 31.12.2022		10.187,75 €
	KBC current account	8.215,71 €	
	KBC savings account	1.972,04 €	
2	Income 2023		18.796,34 €
	KBC current account	10.560,00 €	
	KBC savings account	8.236,34 €	
3	Expenditure 2023		-28.295,31 €
	KBC current account	-18.295,31 €	
	KBC savings account	-10.000,00 €	
4	Bank account balances 31.12.2023		688,78 €
	KBC current account	480,40 €	
	KBC savings account	208,38 €	
5	Receivable PCI		26.515,87 €
	loan 1	38.000,00 €	
	loan 2	50.000,00 €	
	Peace Price 2019	-6.082,90 €	
	Peace Price 2020	-3.123,40 €	
	Peace Price 2021	-4.088,68 €	
	Peace Price 2022	-4.020,28 €	
	Peace Price 2023	-3.018,87 €	
	Donations 2020 by through debt remission	-41.150,00 €	

SUMMARY 31 DECEMBER 2023

<i>Balance accounts 31.12.2023</i>	688,78 €
<i>Stocks 31.12.2023</i>	241.497,26 €
<i>Receivable from PCI</i>	26.515,87 €
CAPITAL 31.12.2023	268.701,91 €
<i>Capital on 31.12.2022</i>	278.878,33 €