



**The central theme:**

"LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE"

**The objectives:**

- To encourage the continuous dialogue on religiosity and spirituality in Scouting.
- To collect the experiences and good practices from different Associations in favor of Peace.
- To present and share documents and tools produced by the Associations related to the Peace education.
- To support the Associations in developing the Spiritual and Religious dimension within the Scout Program.



The 3rd Ecumenical Encounter was held in the premises of the **Oasi Sacre Cuore**. The host, ICCS, offered excellent conditions for work and the entire environment was very inspirational.

Besides the working part, the hosts organized sight-seeing of **Assisi** and **Spello**, beautiful towns in the Province of Umbria, and a visit to a number of churches and historically significant places.

**DESMOS representatives:** Marko Petrovic, President  
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## DESMOS CONTRIBUTION

The representatives of The International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts actively participated at the event and pointed out the following:

❖ **DESMOS HOLDS BELIEF THAT PEACE IS SOMETHING WE GET AS BLESSING OF OUR LORD, SOMETHING WE SHOULD SEEK AND PURSUE.**

❖ Analyzing some excerpts from the encyclicals of **His All-Holiness, BARTOLOMEW, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch**, we can see the true concern of Orthodoxy for peaceful co-existence:

**"We ... have a strong sense of social mission for Peace, freedom, justice and brotherhood among people"**



**His Holiness The Serbian Patriarch IRINEJ**, on the Peace gathering in Sarajevo, September 2012:

**"There's no peace with those who have no peace with Lord, which is the condition for peace with the others"**

**"we should carry the seed of peace, first of all inside ourselves, and we should spread that holy God's seed, seed of love, wherever we are"**

❖ Our efforts in helping young people develop their spirituality and draw their attention to **the first principle of Scouting - DUTY TO GOD - Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting therefrom** will result in their proper development and increase of their capacity, as well as the ability to better apply the other two principles of Scouting –

### **DUTY TO OTHERS:**

- Loyalty to one's country in harmony with the promotion of local, national and international peace, understanding and cooperation.
- Participation in the development of society with recognition and respect for the dignity of humanity and for the integrity of the natural world.

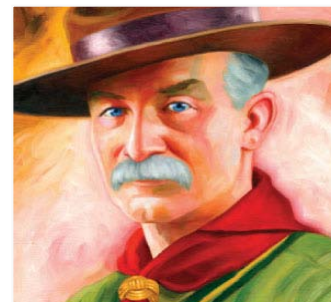
**DUTY TO SELF:** Responsibility for the development of oneself.

❖ **Lord Baden-Powell - THE FOUNDER OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT** although being a military man for quite some time in his life, was strongly emphasizing the importance of peace.

After the war, Baden-Powell assigned a **new mission to Scouting: to strive for and maintain peace**. From that moment the Founder visited other countries continuously, encouraging National Scout Organisations to educate for peace and understanding between peoples.

B-P's opening speech at Kandersteg International Conference, published in "Jamboree", October 1926, 1:

**"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed"**

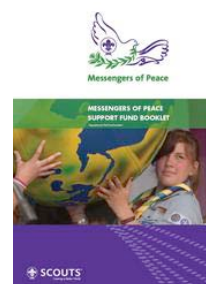


LORD BADEN-POWELL ALSO SAID: **"SCOUTING IS NOTHING LESS THAN APPLIED CHRISTIANITY"**

- ❖ In the PPT presentation prepared for the event, DESMOS President emphasized, among other, the Priorities in spreading tolerance and understanding and creating more peaceful communities:

- ❖ DESMOS representatives reminded that in previous period **WOSM has launched a number of projects focused on Peace issue**, and pointed out some of them as the possible resource for our future work :

- PEACE CRUISE (Mediterranean, Middle East / 1999)
- MOBA Project (ESR, The Balkans /2002-2004)
- GIFTS for PEACE (Centenary / worldwide)
- MESSENGERS of PEACE (actual / worldwide)
- PEACE WORKSHOPS within GDV at WSJs
- WOSM PUBLICATIONS on Scouting and Peace



- ❖ DESMOS representatives shared with participants of the 3rd Ecumenical Encounter some of the **EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE**

- Different events on the occasion of International Day of Peace, September 21
- Peace Light of Bethlehem
- Cross-border projects / Celebration of The Thinking Day on the borders
- Implementation of different projects in NSOs

DESMOS prepared the MORNING PRAYER for the second day of the event.

DESMOS President shared with other participants the video of the typical Morning Prayer in Serbia and the Secretary General said the Morning Prayer in Arabic.

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