

Appeal for unknown migrants dead in the sea

The pictures of the new tragedy – which, with more than 300 human beings dead few hours ago in the Mediterranean are transforming this sea in a bloody cemetery – are before our eyes, accustomed to such a sight: more than 25.000 migrants passed away in the last years; more than 800.000 deportees or exiles in search of dignity, peace and freedom; the cruel murder of cities and memories perpetrated in many cities and villages of African shore; innumerable lives of common people crippled or torn forever.

Human suffering cannot be summed up. Could things can get further and worse? Such a question ought to be asked both to the human traffickers and those who had done almost nothing to stop this tragedy in the heart of Mediterranean, at the borders of Europe.

Without forgetting about, before such a tragedy, ONU inadequate to our world's changes, Europe stuck in useless bureaucratization which make it unable to react before the loss of the most important value: HUMAN BEING!.

The protagonists of this Calvary so often don't have name: there are so many Ahmed, Najlaa, Sumaya, Omar, Mohammed, Abdullah, Fatima and more and more, coming from 70 different countries and trying to run away from wars, attacks, injustices, hunger, epidemics, human miseries...

The West, multinational and multicultural is mortally hurt, along with our faith in a world where cultural and national pluralism ought to be possible and granted.

Brutality and barbarism are fed by indifference and idleness.

Mournful rings are sounding here for years, here in Lampedusa as in other places, but the conscience of those who are entrusted to decide and play on our behalf has not been touched.

Europe is washing its hands in Lampedusa and in the Mediterranean. Its governs are denying their responsibilities and are passing the buck one to another. Our values and principles are mocked, our dignity is in the lowest point.

We are grateful to Pope Francis, which at the end of the today general meeting, made a plea today for the sea tragedy happened yesterday 100 miles away from here, from Lampedusa, in the Libyan sea.

A massacre – the first of 2015 – of a huge range, considering that, there are more than 300 the lost lives, against the 29 announced yesterday.

"I'm following with concern the news coming from Lampedusa, where there are also the victims passed away because of the cold during the crossing through the Mediterranean", said the Pope. And added: "I want to ensure my prayer to the victims and encourage again to solidarity, so that no one will lacking of the necessary aid."

"I'm shocked for this new tragedy. It is unfair to die in this way, for exposure. While we are keep on talking, there are 29 young guys died into the sacks". Father Mimmo Zambito, priest of Lampedusa, cannot accept this new tragedy in the Sicilian channel. Yesterday evening, father Mimmo, together with some parishioners went to Favalaro

Wharf " to pray for those poor migrants passed away for exposure. The price paid by Lampedusa is so high. People's rights are not recognized. They must be remembered always".

This tragedy is convincing us, more than ever, about the high symbolic value of "Memorial monument to the Unknown Migrant".

Some object owned by survivors and missing of this tragedy will be added to the urn of "Unknown Migrant": it will be placed on the basis of the "Memorial Monument" , which testify all these life loss, and it will be inaugurated in occasion of the 150° anniversary of Corps of the Port Captaincies – Coast Guard.

It is them, the guys of Coast Guard ships that we want to say ""Thanks" for the devotion they are putting in their job.

In these days they sailed, even with 9 meters high waves, in order to help migrants struggling in the sea.

We will never stop to be grateful to them!

The " Memorial Monument" is a join project of Fondazione Mediterraneo, Naples Port Authority, and other international organs: a plain and concrete way to challenge the inurement, the "globalization of indifference" that, here in Lampedusa, on 8 July of 2013, Francis Pope highlighted as one of the evils of our times "hoping in the realization of a symbol in commemoration of migrants passed away in the sea".

Before this new tragedy, we, Mediterranean intellectuals, can just cry out our wrath, though lost in the desert as it often happened in the past.

Let's throw once again a bottle in our sea, here in Lampedusa, with our appeal to the remains of human conscience.

We are addressing these words to call upon friends from Mediterranean and all over the world asking them to join and support us.

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