



AMERICA/MEXICO - Violence on the rise in Mexico: appeal by Bishop of Campeche for conversion

Campeche (Agenzia Fides) – Bishop Ramón Castro Castro, Bishop of Campeche, has appealed to members of criminal organisations involved in narcotics trafficking, during Lent, “to repent and take account of the fact that easy money offers a comfortable life but one that is far from God.” The Mexican Bishop has said “enough” to those involved in organised crime, and through the document “Cristo nuestra paz, para que México tenga una vida digna” he offers an analysis of the reality of public health problems throughout the Country, such as drug abuse. “We all need to be in harmony,. Everyone needs to play their part to resolve this problem which is affecting all of society. It is always possible to reach someone's heart, even though they seem like bad people,” said the Bishop to the faithful. Bishop Castro Castro lamented the atmosphere of insecurity and emphasised the fact that Lent offers a time of grace to renew hearts by reconciling with God and with our neighbour. In the last five years the number of Mexican Catholics has risen from 58 to 61.2%, in respect to 11% atheists, Protestants and others. (AP) (10/3/2011 Agenzia Fides)