MOSAIC OF PEACE

Mosaic of Peace for Rotary Club New York – Special Award for His Holiness Leo XIV

A Pentagon of Peace and Reconciliation through Rotary

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The Mosaic of Peace project, born in Palermo in 2019 and relaunched in Dubai in December 2020, is a journey of unity and reconciliation through dialogue and international cooperation.

With the support of the Rotary Club of New York, the project is growing, reaching new cities and global partners. With the Special Award for His Holiness Leo XIV, the Mosaic of Peace honours the commitment of the new Vicar of Christ to building a peace that is unarmed and disarming, able to break down barriers and build bridges between cultures and generations.

Where the idea was born

New York, April 2017

At the Rotary Club of New York, Nino Calogero raises the issue of migrants in the Mediterranean.

A few weeks later he presents to UNHCR the idea of a peace and security platform for the Mediterranean: the first seed of the Mosaic of Peace.

Then Rotary takes it around the world: Palermo 2019, Dubai 2020, all the way to the Special Award for His Holiness Leo XIV.

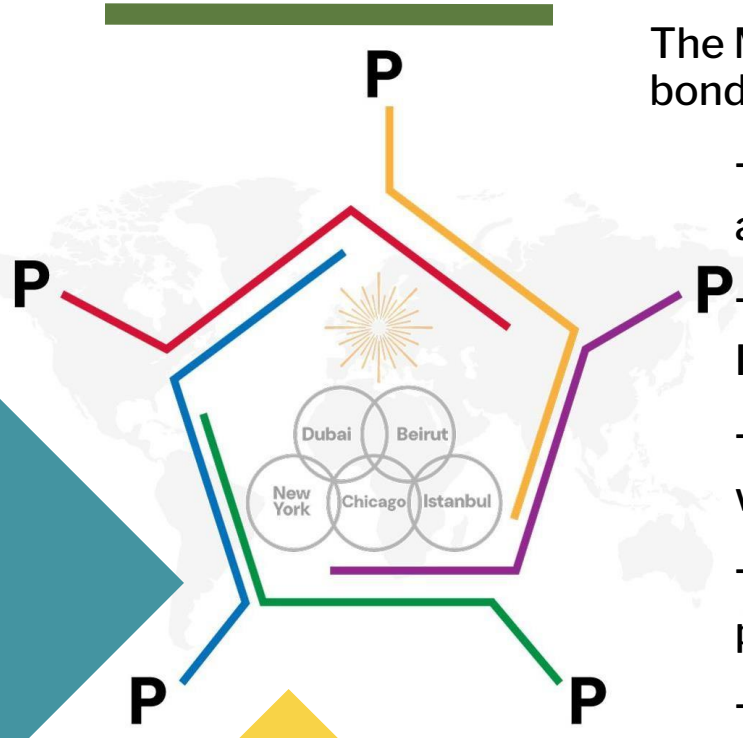






New York, 2017 · Rotary Club of New York and UNHCR office

Five “P”s for Peace



The Mosaic of Peace project, founded and promoted by Nino Calogero, grows from a deep bond with places and symbols of peace, represented by the five Ps.

The first P is Pavia, where Nino Calogero lives and where the tomb of Saint Augustine lies, a symbol of reflection and spirituality.

The second P is Palermo, the project’s home city, ideally linked to New York, Beirut and Istanbul in a bridge between cultures and religions.

The third P is Pegli, birthplace of the Pope of peace, Benedict XV, who firmly opposed war. Nino Calogero lived in Pegli for many years, strengthening his bond with this pontiff.

The fourth P is Pace (Peace), the heart and mission of the project, relaunched during the pandemic with the support of the Rotary Club Dubai.

The fifth P is Papa (Pope), in reference to Pope Leo XIV, born in Chicago, like Rotary itself. His family has Sicilian roots, just like the Mosaic of Peace.

Five “P”s for one shared ideal: building bridges of peace through culture, memory and dialogue.

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Project Objectives

- ✓ Promote Peace through international cooperation between cities and Rotary Clubs.
- ✓ Create a symbolic Pentagon linking Pavia, Palermo, Pegli, Chicago, New York, Beirut and Istanbul, embodying the values of harmony and coexistence.
- ✓ Involve UNHCR to raise awareness of humanitarian crises and the protection of refugees.
- ✓ Honour His Holiness Leo XIV with the Special Award, recognising his contribution to global peace.
- ✓ Strengthen the bond between Rotary and the values of Peace, in line with the message of Benedict XV, the Pope of Peace.

Key Places and Dates

- 14 September 2026 (anniversary of the birth of His Holiness Leo XIV).
- 23 February 2027 (anniversary of the founding of Rotary).
- Main events in key cities:
  - Palermo – Opening ceremony and international conference.
  - Pavia – Cultural event on Saint Augustine and his link to peace.
  - Chicago and New York (Rotary Club co-partners) – Round table on global diplomacy and the role of Rotary.
  - Dubai – Special event to relaunch the project and bring in new cities.
  - Beirut and Istanbul – Initiatives for cooperation in the Mediterranean.

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Event Programme

- International conferences in the cities taking part in the promotion, with the support of UNHCR.
- Presentation of the Special Award to His Holiness Leo XIV, for his commitment to building peace.
- Commemorative event dedicated to Benedict XV (to be confirmed), with contributions from scholars and religious leaders.
- Involvement of schools and universities, with educational projects on peace and intercultural coexistence.

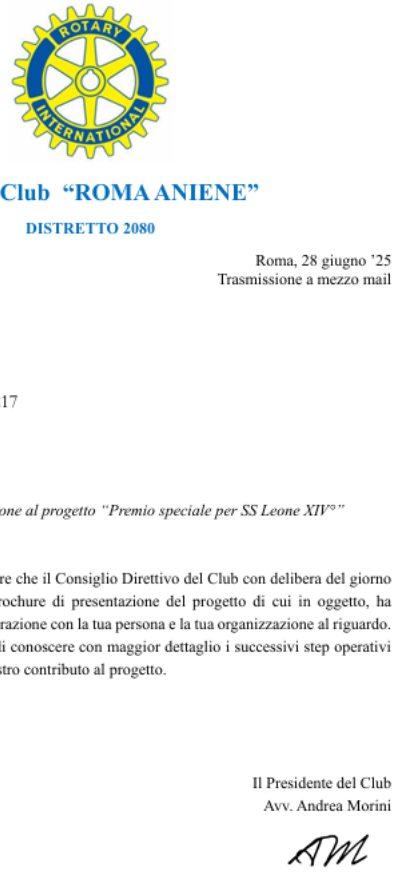
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Support and Partnerships

- Rotary International – Clubs of Palermo, Pavia, Pegli, Chicago, New York, Beirut, Istanbul and Dubai.
- UNHCR – Themed panels and refugee testimonies.
- Cultural and religious organisations – Spreading the message of peace.
- Global media and communication – Peace awareness campaign.
- «Si può fare band», a music group made up of people with disabilities, families, educators, musicians and professionals.

Main Endorsements

- Rotary Club «Roma Aniene»



Rotary Club "ROMA ANIENE"

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Roma, 28 giugno '25
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OGGETTO: *Conferma di adesione al progetto "Premio speciale per SS Leone XIV°"*

Gent.mo
Con la presente sono a confermare che il Consiglio Direttivo del Club con delibera del giorno 27 Giugno u.s., analizzata la brochure di presentazione del progetto di cui in oggetto, ha delibato positivamente la collaborazione con la tua persona e la tua organizzazione al riguardo.

Resto pertanto in attesa di conoscere con maggior dettaglio i successivi step operativi nonché le forme precipue del nostro contributo al progetto.

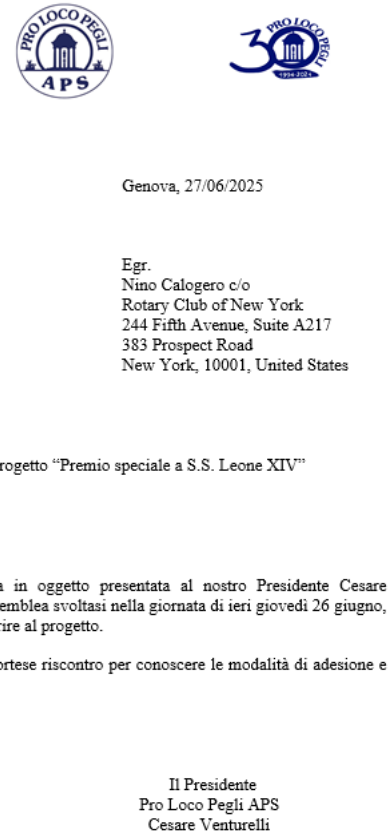
Un cordiale saluto

Il Presidente del Club
Avv. Andrea Morini

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Main Endorsements

- Pro Loco Pegli



Genova, 27/06/2025

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Oggetto: Conferma al supporto del progetto "Premio speciale a S.S. Leone XIV"

Buongiorno,

come da esposizione dell'iniziativa in oggetto presentata al nostro Presidente Cesare Venturelli, i nostri soci, durante l'assemblea svoltasi nella giornata di ieri giovedì 26 giugno, hanno dato parere favorevole ad aderire al progetto.

Rimaniamo in attesa di un Vostro cortese riscontro per conoscere le modalità di adesione e proseguimento del progetto.

Cordiali saluti

Il Presidente
Pro Loco Pegli APS
Cesare Venturelli

Main Endorsements

- Rotary Club Brescia Verola

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LA MAGIA DEL ROTARY

Verolanuova, 20/06/2025

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Oggetto: Conferma al supporto del progetto "Premio speciale a S.S. Leone XIV

Buongiorno, come da esposizione dell'iniziativa in oggetto, presentata al nostro Prefetto Gozzini Palmiro, il nostro Club, i cui soci sono orgogliosi di farne parte, esprime la volontà di aderire al progetto,

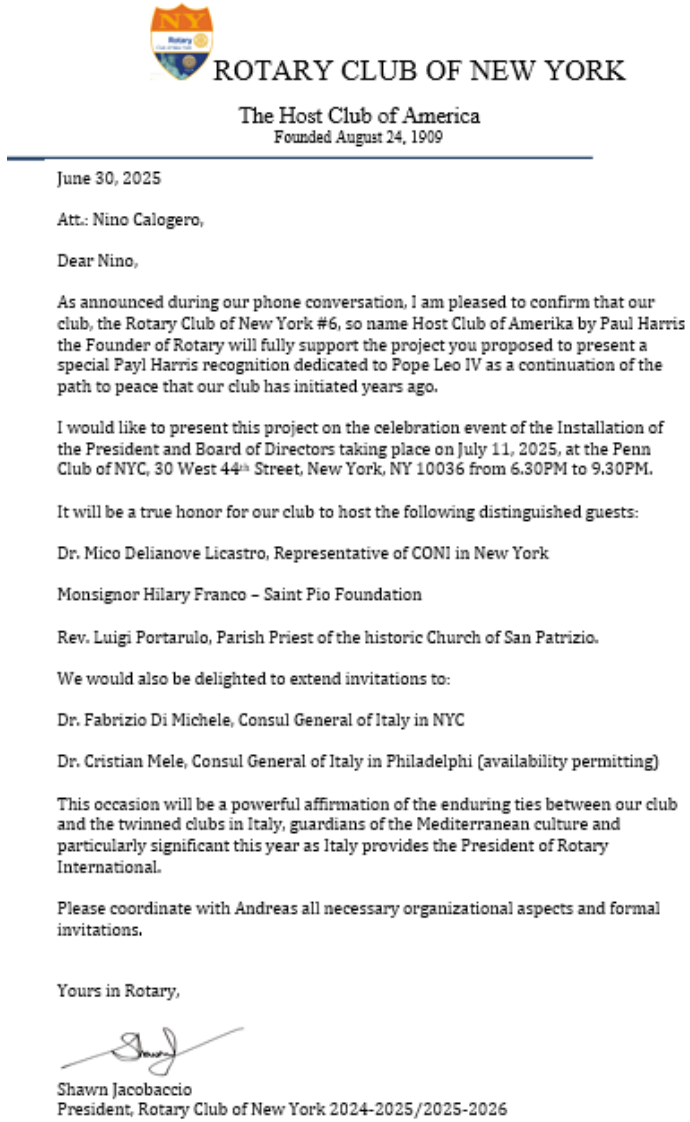
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Cordiali saluti.

Rotary Club Brescia Verola
La Presidente
Santina Puglisi

Main Endorsements

- Rotary Club of New York



ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

The Host Club of America
Founded August 24, 1909

June 30, 2025

Att.: Nino Calogero,

Dear Nino,

As announced during our phone conversation, I am pleased to confirm that our club, the Rotary Club of New York #6, so name Host Club of Amerika by Paul Harris the Founder of Rotary will fully support the project you proposed to present a special Payl Harris recognition dedicated to Pope Leo IV as a continuation of the path to peace that our club has initiated years ago.

I would like to present this project on the celebration event of the Installation of the President and Board of Directors taking place on July 11, 2025, at the Penn Club of NYC, 30 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036 from 6.30PM to 9.30PM.

It will be a true honor for our club to host the following distinguished guests:

Dr. Mico Delianove Licastro, Representative of CONI in New York

Monsignor Hilary Franco – Saint Pio Foundation

Rev. Luigi Portarulo, Parish Priest of the historic Church of San Patrizio.

We would also be delighted to extend invitations to:

Dr. Fabrizio Di Michele, Consul General of Italy in NYC

Dr. Cristian Mele, Consul General of Italy in Philadelphi (availability permitting)

This occasion will be a powerful affirmation of the enduring ties between our club and the twinned clubs in Italy, guardians of the Mediterranean culture and particularly significant this year as Italy provides the President of Rotary International.

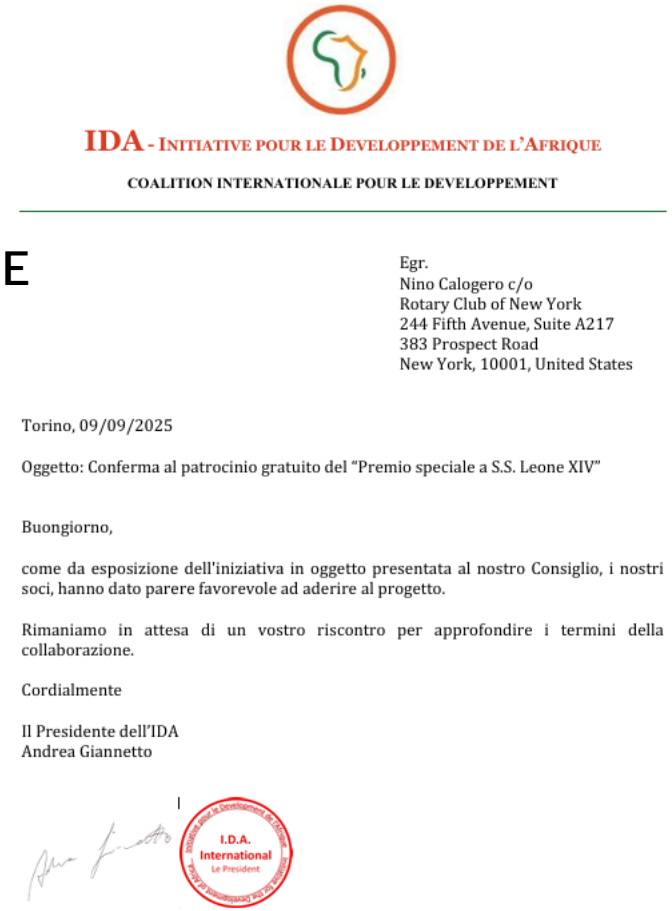
Please coordinate with Andreas all necessary organizational aspects and formal invitations.

Yours in Rotary,

Shawn Jacobaccio
President, Rotary Club of New York 2024-2025/2025-2026

Main Endorsements

- IDA - INITIATIVE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE L'AFRIQUE



IDA - INITIATIVE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE L'AFRIQUE

COALITION INTERNATIONALE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT

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Torino, 09/09/2025

Oggetto: Conferma al patrocinio gratuito del "Premio speciale a S.S. Leone XIV"

Buongiorno,

come da esposizione dell'iniziativa in oggetto presentata al nostro Consiglio, i nostri soci, hanno dato parere favorevole ad aderire al progetto.

Rimaniamo in attesa di un vostro riscontro per approfondire i termini della collaborazione.

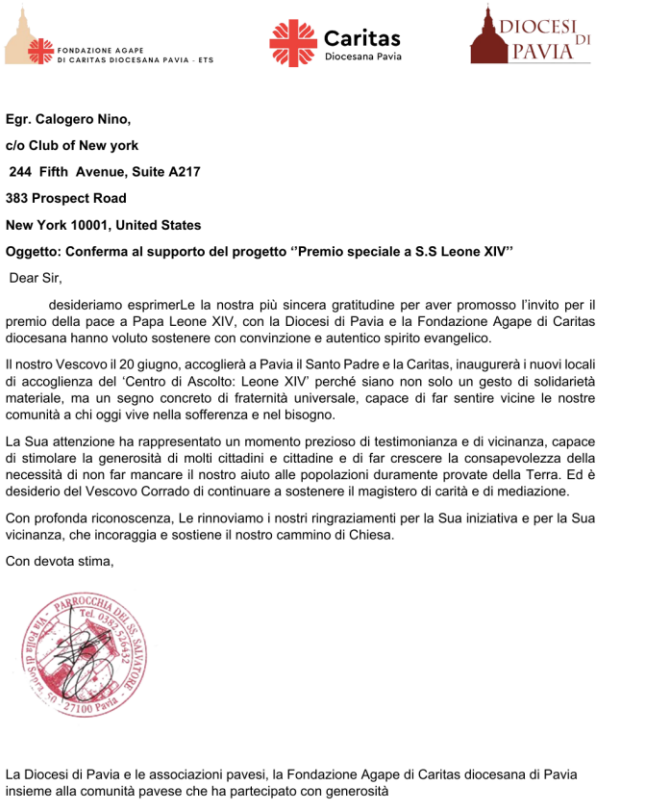
Cordialmente

Il Presidente dell'IDA
Andrea Giannetto

I.D.A. International Le President

Main Endorsements

- Caritas Diocesana Pavia



FONDAZIONE AGAPE DI CARITAS DIOCESANA PAVIA - ETS

Caritas Diocesana Pavia

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Egr. Calogero Nino,

c/o Club of New york

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Oggetto: Conferma al supporto del progetto ''Premio speciale a S.S Leone XIV''

Dear Sir,

desideriamo esprimerLe la nostra più sincera gratitudine per aver promosso l'invito per il premio della pace a Papa Leone XIV, con la Diocesi di Pavia e la Fondazione Agape di Caritas diocesana hanno voluto sostenere con convinzione e autentico spirito evangelico.

Il nostro Vescovo il 20 giugno, accoglierà a Pavia il Santo Padre e la Caritas, inaugurerà i nuovi locali di accoglienza del 'Centro di Ascolto: Leone XIV' perché siano non solo un gesto di solidarietà materiale, ma un segno concreto di fraternità universale, capace di far sentire vicine le nostre comunità a chi oggi vive nella sofferenza e nel bisogno.

La Sua attenzione ha rappresentato un momento prezioso di testimonianza e di vicinanza, capace di stimolare la generosità di molti cittadini e cittadine e di far crescere la consapevolezza della necessità di non far mancare il nostro aiuto alle popolazioni duramente provate della Terra. Ed è desiderio del Vescovo Corrado di continuare a sostenere il magistero di carità e di mediazione.

Con profonda riconoscenza, Le rinnoviamo i nostri ringraziamenti per la Sua iniziativa e per la Sua vicinanza, che incoraggia e sostiene il nostro cammino di Chiesa.

Con devota stima,

PARROCCHIA DEL SS. SALVATORE

Tel. 0382 [illegible]

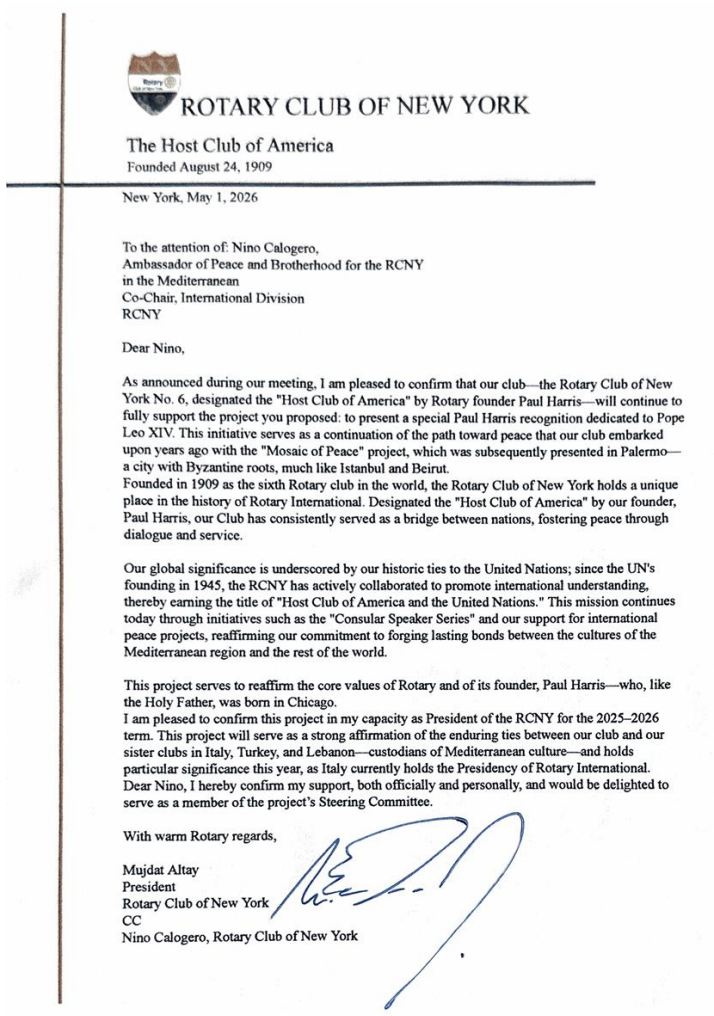
27100 Pavia

La Diocesi di Pavia e le associazioni pavesi, la Fondazione Agape di Caritas diocesana di Pavia insieme alla comunità pavese che ha partecipato con generosità

Pavia, 16 aprile 2026

Main Endorsements

- Confirmation of support, Rotary Club of New York



ROTARY CLUB OF NEW YORK

The Host Club of America
Founded August 24, 1909

New York, May 1, 2026

To the attention of: Nino Calogero,
Ambassador of Peace and Brotherhood for the RCNY
in the Mediterranean
Co-Chair, International Division
RCNY

Dear Nino,

As announced during our meeting, I am pleased to confirm that our club—the Rotary Club of New York No. 6, designated the "Host Club of America" by Rotary founder Paul Harris—will continue to fully support the project you proposed: to present a special Paul Harris recognition dedicated to Pope Leo XIV. This initiative serves as a continuation of the path toward peace that our club embarked upon years ago with the "Mosaic of Peace" project, which was subsequently presented in Palermo—a city with Byzantine roots, much like Istanbul and Beirut.
Founded in 1909 as the sixth Rotary club in the world, the Rotary Club of New York holds a unique place in the history of Rotary International. Designated the "Host Club of America" by our founder, Paul Harris, our Club has consistently served as a bridge between nations, fostering peace through dialogue and service.

Our global significance is underscored by our historic ties to the United Nations; since the UN's founding in 1945, the RCNY has actively collaborated to promote international understanding, thereby earning the title of "Host Club of America and the United Nations." This mission continues today through initiatives such as the "Consular Speaker Series" and our support for international peace projects, reaffirming our commitment to forging lasting bonds between the cultures of the Mediterranean region and the rest of the world.

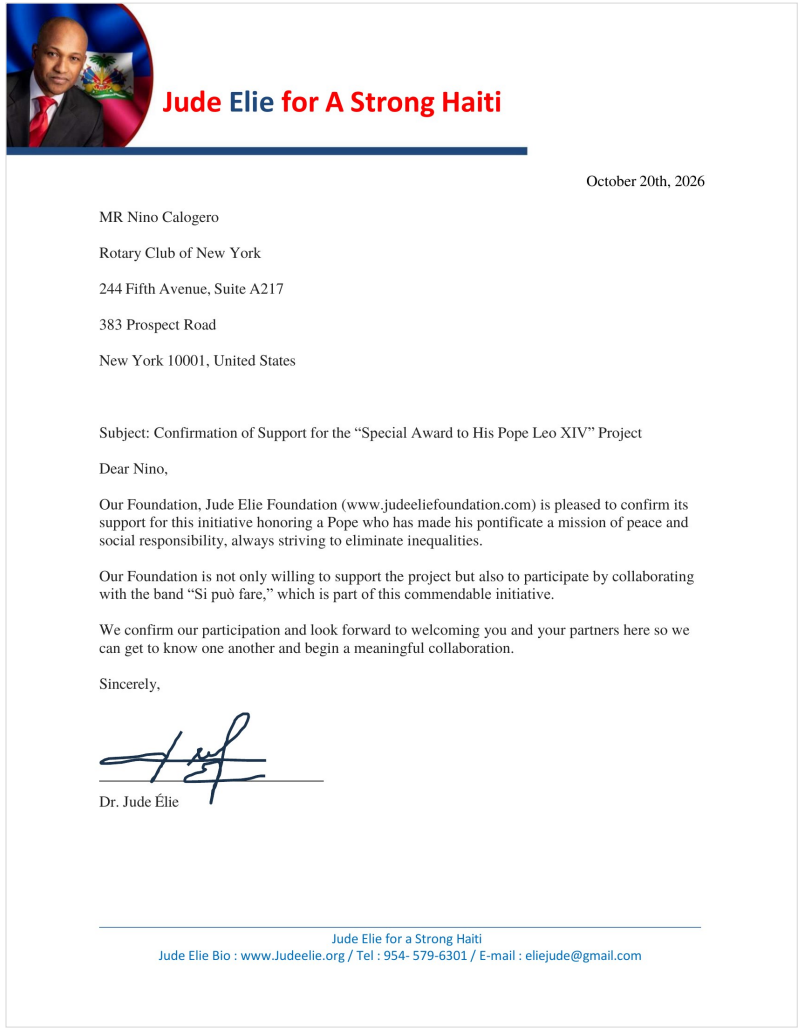
This project serves to reaffirm the core values of Rotary and of its founder, Paul Harris—who, like the Holy Father, was born in Chicago.
I am pleased to confirm this project in my capacity as President of the RCNY for the 2025–2026 term. This project will serve as a strong affirmation of the enduring ties between our club and our sister clubs in Italy, Turkey, and Lebanon—custodians of Mediterranean culture—and holds particular significance this year, as Italy currently holds the Presidency of Rotary International.
Dear Nino, I hereby confirm my support, both officially and personally, and would be delighted to serve as a member of the project's Steering Committee.

With warm Rotary regards,

Mujdat Altay
President
Rotary Club of New York
CC
Nino Calogero, Rotary Club of New York

Main Endorsements

- Jude Elie Foundation (Haiti)



Jude Elie for A Strong Haiti

October 20th, 2026

MR Nino Calogero

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Subject: Confirmation of Support for the “Special Award to His Pope Leo XIV” Project

Dear Nino,

Our Foundation, Jude Elie Foundation (www.judeeliefoundation.com) is pleased to confirm its support for this initiative honoring a Pope who has made his pontificate a mission of peace and social responsibility, always striving to eliminate inequalities.

Our Foundation is not only willing to support the project but also to participate by collaborating with the band “Si può fare,” which is part of this commendable initiative.

We confirm our participation and look forward to welcoming you and your partners here so we can get to know one another and begin a meaningful collaboration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jude Élie

Jude Elie for a Strong Haiti
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Main Endorsements

- Gewürz & Partners – Art for Peace (Doha)



Gewürz & Partners
MANAGEMENT

Doha,

October 22, 2026

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Subject: Formal statement of adherence by Gewurz & Partners and "Art for Peace" initiative to the project Mosaic of Peace.

Dear Nino,

It is with great pleasure and shared sense of mission that we formally confirm our adherence and support to " Mosaic of Peace" - Special Prize SS Leone XIV.

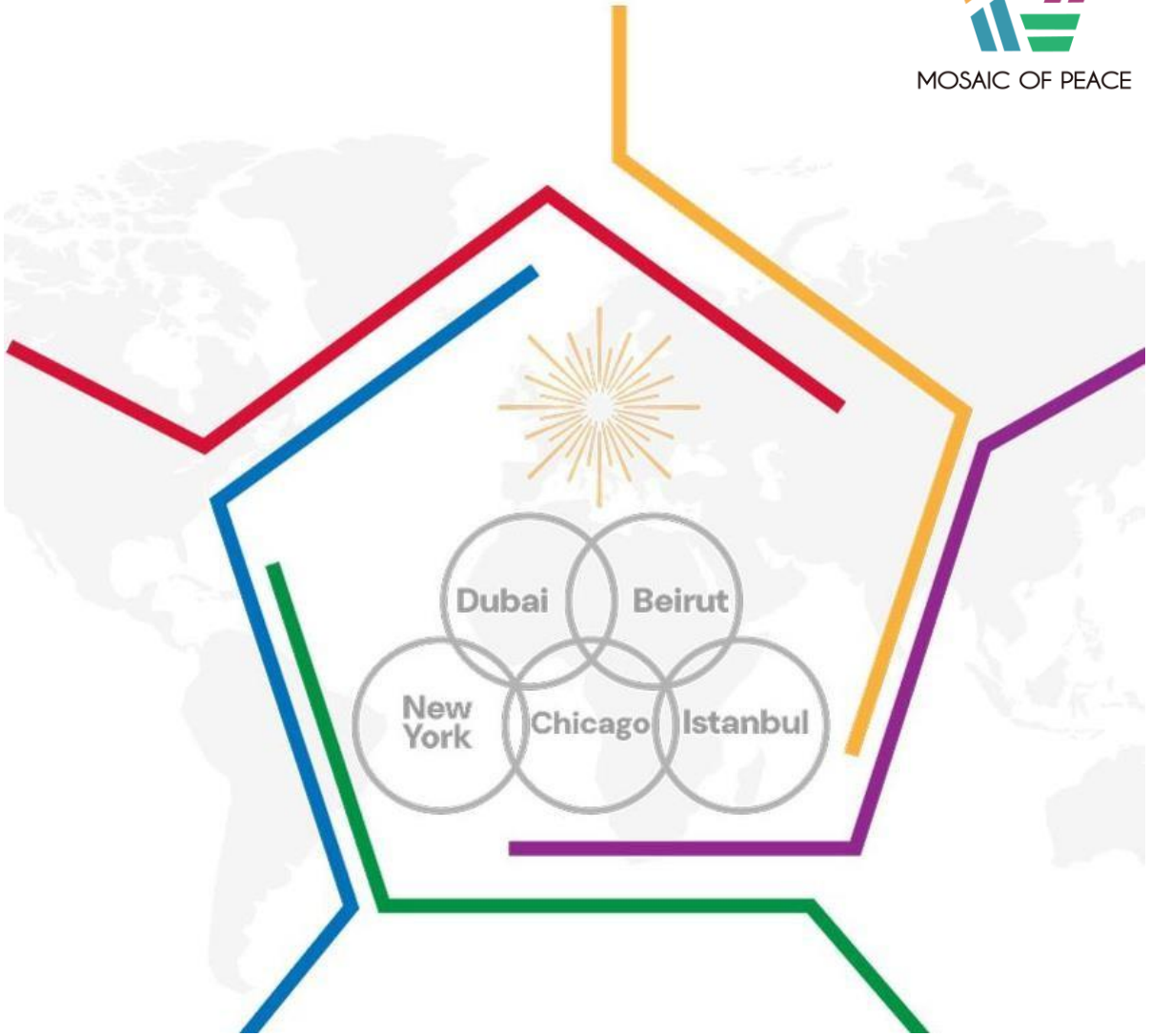
Thank you for your commitment to recognizing humanity's highest ideals.

Warm regards,

Dott.ssa Elisabeth Marascalchi
Ceo & Founder

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Project Ownership



The Mosaic of Peace is owned by the promoter of the Mosaic of Peace initiative and by the Rotary Club of New York.

For more information: www.mosaicofpeace.org

Thank you

Nino Calogero,

Ambassador of Friendship of the Rotary Club of New York, The Host Club of America, to the clubs of the East Mediterranean basin, and in particular for Lebanon and Cyprus.

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