

Logo for the 2018 Dominican Month for Peace

“News” by Adam Rokosz OP

In response to the invitation to produce works of art for the 2017 Dominican Month for Peace focused on Colombia, Adam Rokosz, a friar of the province of South Germany and Austria, submitted the piece of art below which will be used as the logo for the 2018 Dominican Month for Peace focused on the Democratic Republic of Congo. Adam, who was chosen to be the main exhibitor for the art exhibition in Santa Sabina, the General Curia of the Order, for the 800-year jubilee of the Order, has entitled this work, “NEWS”.

It is a photo, taken in the blue of evening, of the shadow side of a wall in a university in Vienna, Austria. It is a mass of layers of posters, some in focus, others not, some very old, some more recent. Countless remnants of notices, official and non-official statements, innumerable layers of blurred information – which leave one with a sense of chaos and heaviness!

And then there is a person with eyes struggling to focus through this chaos! Searching! What’s going on? Where is Truth? What to do about the past, present and future walls that are creating barriers between us and reinforcing divisions? Where is Peace?

