



# Call Tales for Peace

#GiveWhatIAm

**The Instituto Lux, through the Pedro José Márquez S.J. Library,**  
invites you to participate in the

## **Tales for Peace 2026 initiative**

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To participate, you must be a student, teacher, or staff member of a Jesuit school anywhere in the world.

**You can participate** with a short story, poem, or essay written in Spanish, English, or French, in the following categories:

- a** **Individual:** Written by one person.
- b** **Team:** Written by two or more people, up to a maximum of five.
- c** **Collective:** Written by the entire class, usually with the help of a teacher.

Submitted texts must be original works; **texts written using AI computer-generated text will not be accepted.**

You can submit your texts from Monday, December 8, 2025, until Sunday, May 31, 2026.

### **Selection:**

- Submissions will be evaluated considering the grade level or age of the authors. The selection of texts will be carried out by a committee for each category.
- The jury will be composed of teachers, parents, students, and alumni from the Jesuit educational community. In addition, the selected texts will be reviewed using applications that determine if they have been created with AI or plagiarized.
- The selected authors will be recognized, and their work will be published in the thirteenth digital anthology, "Tales for Peace 2026 #GiveWhatIAm"
- Our goal is to foster a love of writing and to share the texts created; therefore, there will be no prizes.

**This anthology will be shared around the world** through **Educate Magis, FLACSI**, and the website <https://contemoslapaz.lux.edu.mx/>

## **To participate:**

### **Step 1. Get inspired**

We are all on a continuous journey that is life. To travel it, we need a backpack in which to store lessons learned, mistakes, successes, tools, and also the teachings of the people who accompany us: our family, our friends, teachers, and especially God. All these elements help us to actively participate in the well-being of others.

Young people like Francisco Vera, a climate change activist from Colombia, and Artemisa Xakriabá, a Brazilian indigenous human rights activist who defends the Amazon rainforest and tries to raise awareness of environmental destruction in her country, are a source of inspiration. Despite the situations they face every day, they carry in their backpacks actions that reflect their love and interest in helping others and our common home. They are definitely not the only ones who care for the well-being of others, and we can find examples of care all around us, even in nature, like opossums, which silently help us control pests; in addition to caring for and protecting their young by carrying them on their backs until they need them.

### **Step 2. Reflect**

It's time to review and acknowledge the items you carry in your backpack. The following questions can guide you in the process:

- What does your backpack contain?
- Who helped you pack your backpack?
- What tools do you carry to get through the journey?
- What lessons and moments does your backpack hold?
- What items would you change in your backpack?

Once you have reflected on the questions, it's time to identify the actions you take where you prioritize the well-being of others, in the following situations:

- in interpersonal relationships (friendships, sports teams, work teams, family) and
- in caring for our common home.

### **Step 3. Create**

Choose one of the identified actions and let your imagination run wild to share your answer to the following question:

***How do you use what you carry in your backpack to serve others?***

Remember that you can write a short story, poem, or essay.



#### **Step 4. Review the structure of your text.**

Depending on the type of text you have chosen, check that it meets the following requirements:

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### **SHORT STORY**

- It must have a title.
- It must have an introduction, rising action, and resolution.
- The elements of the story (characters, time, actions, and setting) must be developed clearly and creatively.
- The length should be a maximum of two pages, or a maximum of one thousand words in total.

### **ESSAY**

*(for Middle and High School Students)*

- Give it a title.
- Ensure your thesis and opinion are clearly stated.
- The essay should be no longer than two pages, or a maximum of 1,000 words in total.

### **POEM**

- It must have a title.
- You can develop your poem freely in terms of rhyme, stanzas, and meter.
- The length should be between 5 and 20 lines.



#### **Step 5. Format your text**

Transfer your text to a word processor and ensure it has the following formatting:

- Arial font, 12 pt. size;
- 1.5 line spacing;
- Remember to use correct spelling.
- PDF format.

#### **Step 6. Submit your text**

Go to <https://contemoslapaz.lux.edu.mx/> and in the "Submit your text!" section, enter your information in the form and upload the file there.



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