'Signs of the times’ that were background for Pacem in Terris

1961:
~ J.F. Kennedy inaugurated
~ Formation of the Peace Corp
~ Freedom Riders
~ Russia detonates largest hydrogen bomb
~ OPEC is formed
~ Bay of Pigs invasion and failure
~ Kennedy/Khrushchev summit
~ Berlin Wall and Cold War

1962:
~ Bombing of 3 major airplanes killing total of 290 people
~ ATT Telstar satellite launched
~ Mandela ousted from So. Africa
~ Racial tension in US
~ Opening of Vat. II (1962-1965)
~ Vietnam War
~ G. Wallace statement: “Segregation now, tomorrow and forever.”
~ Cuban Missile Crisis

1963:
~ Betty Friedan’s ‘Feminine Mystique’
~ Eloquence and message of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

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Addressed to “all people of good will”.

Most extensive delineation of:
~ economic rights:
  ~ of workers to have jobs that enhance their dignity
  ~ and receive a just wage
~ social/cultural rights:
  ~ life, food, clothing,
  ~ health care, education, leisure
~ political rights
  ~ freedom of speech, religion, association, migration
  ~ participation in society
~ gap between rich/poor because of globalization

“Peace needs to be founded on truth, built according to justice, vivified and integrated by charity, and put into practice in freedom, or else peace remains an empty-sounding word.”