

## **A Voice for the Voiceless**

Sisters and brothers of many diverse Franciscan communities gladly accept a vocation to share their lives, as Francis did, with those who are poorest and most marginalised in our world. At times, this often hidden vocation to live for, with, or as, people who are poor, demands that a voice be given to the voiceless, that vital issues of justice be made known in the places of international political power and influence. This edition of franciscan reflects the excitement of many of us in C/SSF at the way in which Franciscans International (FI) fulfils precisely the role of linking ourselves and other Francis-cans and their friends at the grassroots with the politicians and diplomats of the United Nations.