

# SAJIAN UTAMA

## Fraternity in Difference

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Nakajima Atsushi was kicked from the orphanage because he was accused to steal foods and went rampage. Everyone in the orphanage knew that he was, actually, a beast. He cannot control his transformation. One day, he met Dazai Osamu in the riverbank. Osamu asked where he was going. He said that he was kicked from the orphanage. At the same time, there was a news around the Yokohama; there was a white tiger beast went rampage in the neighbourhood. The local place asked the help to Armed Detective Agency, which consisted of people with special and supernatural ability. Every member of Armed Detective Agency supports each other with their own unique ability.

One memorable moment during the series is when Armed Detective Agency took Izumi Kyoka who was once the member of Port Mafia, Armed Detective Agency's archenemy. She was sent by Port Mafia to kill Atsushi; however, she failed and Atsushi took pity on her being kicked by Port Mafia for her failure. After she proved that she has changed, Armed Detective Agency agreed to take her. She became a strong additional member for the agency.

Every human being has their own unique characteristic. No one was created exactly the same in term of appearance, skill, and behaviour. These differences bring challenges in which people always seek to find the common ground to be able to coexist with others. Just like what happened in Armed Detective Agency in which each members makes use of their ability


to support each other and the agency. Tolerance and fraternity become the keys to reach the synergy. One figure that promotes tolerance and humanity is Pope Francis.

Pope Francis wrote the document *Fratelli Tutti* which focuses on the importance of continuous effort to reach peace based on Catholic teaching. In his apostolic journey to Indonesia in 3-6 September 2024, he brought the theme faith, fraternity, compassion. Pope, in his speech during the meeting in Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption Jakarta, mentioned that those three things are the virtues of Indonesian Catholic people. As an Indonesian citizen, Catholics live among the cultural diversity. Catholic always brings a unite and peaceful unity. Thus, as Indonesian Catholic, Pope said, we should always thrive for bringing peace; this peaceful community is reflected in Pancasila (Francis, Content Francesco en Speeches, 2024).



Picture 1 Official Logo of Papal Visit  
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Those three things are connected to one another. Faith gives people beacon to show the way to harmony. Fraternity is the result of a harmonious relation. Compassion is the drive to always having heart to other's suffering and situation. The theme was indeed carefully chosen seeing how diverse Indonesia is. Every people must focus on promoting the unity than the difference.



Indonesia was chosen as one of the countries to visit along with East Timor, Papua New Guinea, and Singapore in his 45<sup>th</sup> apostolic journey. Indonesia is regarded as the example of harmonious society. The Indonesian people from various religions and beliefs can carry out their worship in an atmosphere of harmony. As the Muslim-majority country, Indonesia is in the never-ending agenda to prioritize unity in diversity; as Indonesia formulated the national motto *bhinneka tunggal ika* which means unity in diversity. Pope seek to talk about interreligious harmony in Indonesia (Pope Francis starts 45th Apostolic Journey, 2024).

Pope addressed this motto in his speech in the Presidential Palace Hall, Jakarta. Pope mentioned that this national motto captures Indonesia very well; Indonesia, as an archipelago country, is rich with specific differences and these differences create a beautiful mosaic of Indonesia. He added that the spirit of fraternity connects all differences. Pope addressed that the existence of Catholic Church in Indonesia is to promote the interreligious dialogue. Church is at the service of the common good and wishes to strengthen cooperation (Francis, The Holy See, 2024).

Pope was welcomed by Istiqlal Mosque Grand Imam. They talked about an interreligious harmony. News reported that their meeting was heart-warming. In his speech, Pope Francis addressed that the Istiqlal Mosque itself is the symbol of interreligious dialogue and harmonious coexistence between religions since it was designed by a Christian. Furthermore, he referred the mosque as the gift in which religious experience needs to be cultivated every day (Francis, Content Francesco en Speeches, 2024).

Pope Francis also went to Tunnel of Friendship when he visited Istiqlal Mosque. The friendship tunnel connecting the mosque and the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption is a sign of connection of people from different religion. Pope highlighted that the tunnel shares a mystique of living together, mingling, and encounter. He encouraged people to always look deeply, meaning we should not focus on the differences but more on the unity. This tunnel is the reminder that everyone can meet and mingle harmoniously with others despite the difference in religion.

Pope Francis said that the Tunnel of Friendship is there to preserve the bond between us. Despite each religion has its own teachings and dogmas, he said, friendship is the key to




create a close connection. This connection allows us to work together and pursue the same goals. Thus, cultivating this friendship is pivotal to create a mutual spiritual needs, in this case bonding with every human beings (Francis, Content Francesco en Speeches, 2024).

The euphoria of papal visit does not only happen in many parishes around Indonesia but also in STARKI. STARKI took part in this celebration as the Laudato Si Indonesia volunteer. Not only Catholic staff, but also Christian staff were eager to take part in this event. They volunteered themselves to be the part of LSI movement. They wanted to be a part of this historic event; especially or Catholic staff, we wanted to take part in Pope's movement to save the environment.

Volunteers from STARKI got a chance to be interviewed by La Croix International, a French media. The reporter, Mikael Corre, mentioned that Pope promotes fraternity to Indonesia since Pope sees that Indonesia is a peaceful country despite having many differences such as in religion, race, and language. He asked for having an interview with non-Catholic volunteer. He appreciated the fact that non-Catholic is as enthusiastic as the Catholic to greet Pope in Indonesia.



Picture 2 STARKI with Mikael  
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Mikael interviewed STARKI asking about environmental movement in Indonesia. He also asked the non-Catholic staff why they wanted to join the event. They said that they were excited to meet Pope since they do not have pope in Protestant. Mikael, in his report, mentioned that STARKI has taken part of the event by being Laudato Si volunteer. Mikael reported that Catholic congregation of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo has taken a real action to support Pope Francis Laudato Si by managing Puspanita (Corre, 2024).

Having a concrete example of Pope Francis and the moment of this papal visit to Indonesia inspires us to ignite the spirit of fraternity in this diverse community. Indonesia has been known to be a beautiful and peaceful country despite all differences. The spirit of fraternity can grow the compassion among human. As human we are destined to live together with other humans. In order to be able to live together, people should focus on finding the common ground.

May the spirit of fraternity illuminate human to be more compassionate.

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