

**Call for the Popular Mobilization against
Waste, Speculation, Exploitation, Violence of the Mafia, Multinational
Organizations and Government.**

for THE MARCH for a NEW WORLD

*for the rights of all people
for the self determination of the local community
for the public protection of the common good of people and land*

"Today I know that my voice and the voices of all feeling Sicilians, of all intelligent Italians and of all thinking people of the world say " it cannot continue like this".

The old world is finished, it doesn't make sense to try to resuscitate a corpse that is decomposing, it doesn't make sense to cling to a dead life and to laws and orders of corpses. In all respects, the affection and gratitude for those who have laboured and thought first for us searching to render the world more civilized, improving life, we cannot help but see that a new world is emerging, in which it is possible to develop ourselves into truly living people, namely courageous, active, "brothers under the skin" (...)

Since our old world is a strange corpse, a corpse that talks too much, we know that there is much work for everyone who wants to re-emerge - with kindness, intelligence and the necessary diligence - to be alive to make a new world.(...) We know that each of us must produce new facts, each must construct a healthy rapport with others, his piece of the new world. (...) If we want to renew life , who can stop us?"
Danilo Dolci, 11 March 1967, Piazza Kalsa, at the conclusion of the Belice to Palermo March

In March 1967, while Italy and the world were undergoing major changes, Western Sicily organized a march calling for Peace, Development and dignity for all.

Today we live in equally troubled times. the nuclear catastrophe following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the battle for democracy in the Arab states, the war for the control of energy resources in Libya, the continuing economic and social crises in our country, the progressive privatisation of local services, all that we watch and endure as if it were a television show, "CI RIGUARDA E CI CHIAMA IN CAUSA" (look at us and refer to us)

March again with us

from Menfi to Palermo 11/16 April 2011

Final meeting at Borgo di Dio, Trappeto 17th April 2011 11.30a.m.

To read the appeal, the information and the agreements:

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We are used to the idea that the control of local services like water, the countryside, air quality and even life itself is being transferred to commercial contractors.

Fear immobilizes us, our impotence along with our ignorance leads to a system dedicated to self destruction that engulfs human and natural resources and leads to the accumulation of unlawful profits, pollution and refuse.

Never until today have we realized the pressure on us of the growth of speculation in every aspect of our lives.

Never until today have we understood that public choice is not in the interest of all citizens particularly the most disadvantaged.

We aid the dismantling of work and the social state, we are harassed by the reduction of wages and rights, we live with the loss of a sense of good community with the privatisation of water and other fundamental public services.

The public schools and culture are beaten to pulp creating ever deeper divides within the social classes and the territories.

The Mafia are always stronger and infiltrate the institutions and the economy while making war on the magistrates. Our villages are empty and silent and the young must look for work further afield.

Immigration is criminalized, to aspire to a life free from oppression and misery is becoming an offence.

The management of energy oscillates between the absurd enforcement of nuclear energy and the equally absurd permanent battle for the control of resources, while the route for alternative energy and energy saving is abandoned.

WHAT SORT OF WORLD AWAITS US CONTINUING LIKE THIS?

HOW MUCH LONGER CAN WE IGNORE THINGS?

WHO CAN CHANGE THINGS IF NOT US?

From ignorance and fear we need to move forward with courage and awareness and from anger and frustration, with social creativity and civil responsibility. There is a need to get together with others to construct a united people and community to devise a re appropriation of the main essentials such as housing, nutrition, work, learning and caring for each other and the community. These are practicalities that together are the pleasure and freedom of life which, for too long, we have delegated to a system that has seduced us with the prospect of well being which, on the contrary, has asked us for our soul and taken away our rights.

It is time to assert ourselves, every one of us, the constitutional responsibility of the protection of the people's civil rights and those of a good society - commencing with water.

We need to be aware that our republic, our constitution and our democracy don't exist without the active contribution of every citizen.

For this, in the hidden complicity of the institutions along with the arrogance and the violence of the profiteers and criminals, it is time to hold ourselves completely responsible and to set of once more.