



Catholic Peace Movement
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Most Reverend

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Re: 40th Anniversary Pax Christi Florida

Dear Bishop.

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We are happy to share with you that this is Pax Christi Florida's 40th Anniversary year (1982 – 2022), and coincidentally the 50th Anniversary of Pax Christi USA. (Pax Christi International, started shortly after World War II in efforts to reconcile French and German Catholics is 77 years old). Pax Christi's main charism is a grounding in the spirituality of Christian Non-violence and our work towards ending war and upholding the dignity of life and creation.

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Pax Christi Florida members recently gathered for a three day conference entitled: "Re-Imagining The Peace of Christ 2022". Using Pope Francis' book "Let Us Dream The Path To A Better Future" as a framework, we prayerfully explored how each of us can contribute to a more peaceful and united church community, secular community and world community. The most enlightened take-away from the conference was this very succinct examination of conscience: "in every instance, in every action, are you moving towards Love or away from Love".

I am enclosing a copy of the recent pastoral letter by Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe: "Living in the Light Of Christ's Peace". In the coming months we will be using this letter as a means for prayer and study, leading to actions to help move our government towards a conversation on nuclear disarmament. We have been encouraged by Pope Francis's message on June 21, 2022, "I wish to reaffirm that the issue of nuclear weapons, as well as the mere possession is immoral."

We were wondering if your diocese is working on this issue and if there is any way we can be of assistance in promoting this crucial message?

We pray for you in your leadership role for the Florida Church and our council members are at your service.

In Christ's Peace

Sandra Baran
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Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)