

TO PAX CHRISTI EL PASO AND FRIENDS

Newsletter
Pax Christi El Paso
August 2021

PAX CHRISTI VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 3, at 7 pm MT

We will "meet" again on Zoom. If you did not attend last month, and would like to receive an invitation and link, please send me your email. (phdelgado3583@gmail.com) You may attend with a computer, smart phone. or by audio using any type of phone. All are welcome!

We will focus our discussion on **Chapter 8: Religions At the Service of Fraternity in Our World**, paragraphs 271-287, pages 153-163 and 176 of *Fratelli Tutti*.

BORDER PEACE PRESENCE:

Focusing this week on Nuclear Weapons, Never Again!!



Join Us! **On Friday, August 6, noon – 1:00 pm at the corner of San Antonio and Campbell, in front of the Federal Courthouse**, in observance of the 76th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima on August 6th and Nagasaki on August 9th.

[Peace Vigil commemorating the anniversary of Hiroshima/Nagasaki](#)



Upcoming visit to El Paso: Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M. Conv!!!



Bishop John Stowe will be visiting El Paso the weekend of August 21-22! He is coming to do a Mission Appeal for his diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. Many people in El Paso know and love Bishop Stowe who used to be the Vicar of the El Paso Diocese. He is a Franciscan, who was part of the community at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and is the **Pax Christi USA Bishop!!!** This visit will be for the Mission Appeal, of course, but I asked him if it was ok to send out an invitation to our Pax Christi email lists letting you know he is coming and he said "of course!" He loves coming to El Paso. He will be celebrating the **4 Masses this weekend at Christ the Savior Parish, 5301 Wadsworth Av, El Paso 79924.**

Saturday, August 21, 5:00 pm English Sunday, August 22, 8:00 am English
9:30 am Spanish
11:00 am English

This Mission Appeal has been set up for some time, and is not related to Bishop John's Pax Christi affiliation, but since this is my parish, I would be happy to arrange a little reception for him following the last Mass on Sunday, so about 12:00, here at the parish. I haven't told him this yet, but if you are planning to come to the 11:00 am Mass, please call or text me so we have an idea how many people, to plan some refreshments. Inside/Outside, All visitors welcome! Pat Delgado 915 740-3962.

Christ the Savior Parish is in northeast El Paso, very convenient to get to from the far east side on Loop 375, from the west side via Trans Mountain Rd. or from central El Paso via 54. Call for any information: 915 740-3962

Funding armaments instead of human needs is violence

by Joseph Nangle, OFM, August 1, 2021



Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace

The conviction that violence produces and underlies practically every situation of evil in the human experience centers this week on armaments – more precisely the possession of armaments.

<https://paxchristiusa.org/2021/08/01/funding-armaments-instead-of-human-needs-is-violence/>

Prayer for Disarmament

Breath of All that Is,

Preserve us from our own madness.
Direct us away from dealing destruction to others,
A path which leads to the ruin
Of ourselves and our world.
Protect us. Help us to hear You.

Jesus Christ, Beloved,

Show us your precious face in all others,
You in us, and we in each other, from all places.
Teach us how to lower our defenses,
Feed us Love which transcends fear.

Heal us. Help us to let go of all fear.

Holy Spirit,

You Call us, in our minds, in our world,
And through each other. Speak to us. Speak through us.
When we worship power, control, money,
When we cannot forgive, or shove pain onto others,
Call us. Light the fire of Love.

We will not be afraid.

We will not be afraid.

Love transcends all fear.

You Are with us always.

Amen [PrayerForDisarmament.pdf](#)

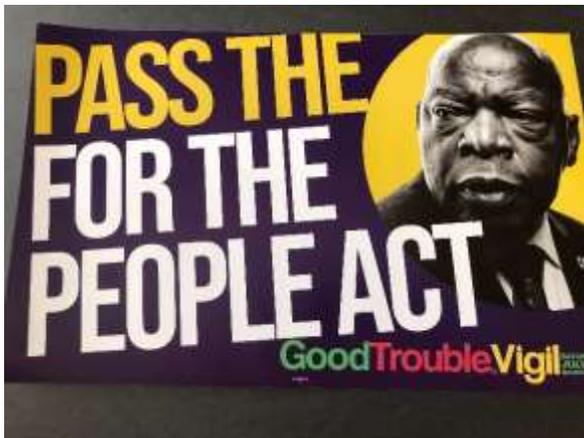
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Pax Christi USA 2021 National Conference Recorded Videos!

In case you missed it: This was a wonderful virtual conference, with plenary sessions and breakout sessions focusing on Anti-Racism, Nuclear Weapons, Nonviolence, Migration, Ending the economy based on colonialism, capitalism, economic injustice...building instead on Love, the U.S. Economy of Francesco...and so many more themes

>>> Check back the week of August 2nd as we add links to recordings and other highlights of the 2021 Pax Christi USA National Conference.

<https://paxchristiusa.org/2021-pax-christi-usa-national-conference/>



Thank you to our **Democratic legislative delegation** for their action to prevent voter suppression, and to **Rev. William Barber and the Poor People's Campaign** for raising awareness about Texas' restrictive voter legislation.

2nd Anniversary of Walmart Shooting: August 3, 2021

“Should the Walmart shooter get the death penalty? El Paso is divided.”

A July 30 article in *El Paso Matters* looks at the different perspectives in the community in El Paso. [Read the article here](#)

El Paso State Representative Joe Moody said: "If we're going to heal as a community, that healing is not served by another killing." Moody cautioned that El Pasoans should avoid misdirecting energy by focusing on the death penalty as a path toward justice with the Walmart shooting.

"If we're going to focus on (the shooter), we're really treating the symptom, not the disease. What caused this shooting was white supremacy, was racism, was hatred, was politically violent language. And I find myself turning towards stamping that out. That is where I think our best efforts can be focused," he said.

Restorative Justice Ministry

CATHOLIC MOBILIZING NETWORK'S FIRST FRIDAY VIRTUAL VIGILS TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

On the First Friday of each month, Catholic Mobilizing Network holds a Virtual Prayer Vigil to lament upcoming executions and bear witness to the inviolable dignity of all human life. The vigils feature the voices of Catholic bishops, Church leaders, and allies across the death penalty abolition movement. If you attend, you are able to insert your own petitions into the "chat box" during intercessory prayer time.

The next First Friday Prayer Vigil is scheduled for **Friday, August 6, at 2 p.m. ET, 12 NOON MT**. RSVP below to attend.

<https://catholicmobilizing.org/first-friday-vigils>

On the same page you can sign up to receive links for first Friday vigils automatically. Virtual prayer vigils are held live via Zoom conference and livestreamed on **CMN's Facebook page**. The vigil is recorded and can be watched later.

Pax Christi USA Monthly Peace Mass

Held every 4th Thursday at 6 pm MT. Next Mass: **August 26, 2021**

<https://paxchristiusa.org/tag/peace-mass/>

The theme for the **July Peace Mass** was repentance and atonement for the abuse of Native American Indigenous children in the residential schools. This mass was recorded and is available on facebook.

During a visit to Bolivia in 2015, Pope Francis issued an apology to all the Indigenous peoples of the Americas for abuses suffered. With this Peace Mass tonight, we mourn the lives of Indigenous children who have been and will continue to be found in mass graves in residential 'schools' in various parts of North America. These schools, a large number run by Catholic orders, were created to instill shame on young Indigenous people about their identity and culture.

Our reflection during this Mass serves as a grounding activity that will guide our actions to achieve a formal apology and reparations by the leadership of our Church. Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace, Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM accompanied us in the celebration of this Mass.

[click here to watch July Mass on facebook](#)

LINKS

[Remembrance and Hope – the Journey from Hiroshima to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons \(TPNW\)](#)

Virtual Event: Wed August 4 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EDT, **5:00 pm MT**

Join us as we ground the myths and realities of Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the nuclear age; the legacy of survivors; and the importance of the recently established UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. This engaging Zoom gathering will feature expert presentations, inspirational artistry,...

[Find out more](#)

Trans 101 Workshop for understanding transgender members of families and communities, presented by the Marianist LGBT Trans Advocacy Committee. Sunday August 8, 5:00pm-6:30pm MT (7:00pm-8:30pm ET)
Free Workshop. Register for August 8 at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trans-101-workshoptickets-158802686109>

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