

SUSTAINERS' CIRCLE FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

More than ever, Pax Christi USA needs people who believe in our work for peace with justice and are willing to help sustain our efforts. By joining our "Sustainers Circle" you commit to providing Pax Christi USA with essential support on which we can rely. A monthly donation helps us plan and build a base that reaches more emergent constituencies, making our mission more visionary and effective.

Use the form below or go to our website to set up a monthly contribution by credit card.

Please select a monthly donation amount:
___\$10 ___\$20 ___\$50 ___\$100 \$ ___ other

This payment will repeat monthly on an ongoing basis. You may cancel at any time.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

I believe that "peace is possible" and want to join Pax Christi USA:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

The regular membership fee for Pax Christi USA is \$40 a year. We rely on the generosity of our members. Please consider enclosing an **additional** contribution to PCUSA for:

___\$40 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$500 \$ ___ other

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Check any of the following:

___ I would like more information about joining or starting a local group in my area or school

___ I would like more information about the Parish Sponsorship Program

___ I would like information on making a will or a bequest

___ Please do not give my e-mail or phone number to local Pax Christi group leaders.

THE WORK OF PAX CHRISTI USA

PCUSA uses a model of prayer, study, and action to work for justice and peace and promotes the importance of understanding the root causes of injustice and violence.

PCUSA members work in many ways:

- implementing conflict resolution program in local high schools
- holding prayer vigils outside a prison where executions are taking place
- preparing action alerts calling for the abolition of torture and illegal detention
- hosting parish programs on the "war on immigrants"
- writing letters to elected officials on human rights issues in the U.S. and abroad
- holding anti-racism workshops
- participating in events to lift up the call to Christian nonviolence
- working in partnerships with organizations on peace and justice initiatives.

PEACE EDUCATION RESOURCES

PCUSA offers many resources for prayer, study, and action. Through resources like our *Peace Current* newsletter and our website, members can get a glimpse of the Pax Christi network. We also publish an e-mail digest of action alerts and information on domestic and global issues. We produce pamphlets, resource packets, and other materials for personal and group use.

To view current campaigns and initiatives or to find out how you can take action, please visit our Web site at www.paxchristiusa.org.

Our online store offers a variety of resources, including prayer cards, books, brochures, and Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter resources. Please visit us at www.paxchristiusa.org/store or contact sales@paxchristiusa.org.

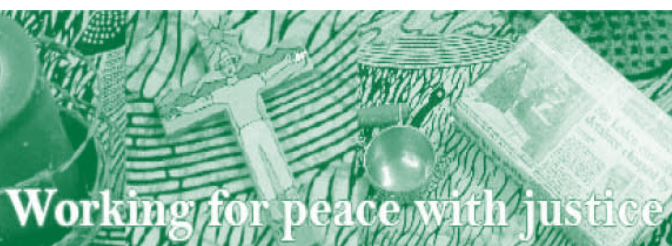


"Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith."

~ The Challenge of Peace:
God's Promise and Our Response,
U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1983



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OUR HISTORY

In 1945, a small group of people in France met regularly to pray for peace. What kept them coming together was their experience of an agonizing fact: French and German Catholics, who professed the same faith and celebrated the same Eucharist, had killed one another by the millions in the 20th century. That situation could hardly be the will of God. So they prayed for forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.

After the war, Pax Christi centers were established in France and Germany; by the 1950s the movement had spread to Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland, and Belgium. Pax Christi began in the United States in 1972, at the initiative of a small group of prominent U.S. Catholics, mostly lay people.



Pax Christi USA
National Catholic Peace Movement

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"Peace, however, is not merely a gift to be received: it is also a task to be undertaken. In order to be true peacemakers, we must educate ourselves in compassion, solidarity, working together, fraternity, in being active within the community and concerned to raise awareness about national and international issues."

~ Pope Benedict XVI
Message for World Day of Peace 2012

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Pax Christi USA strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence. This work begins in personal life and extends to communities of reflection and action to transform structures of society. Pax Christi USA rejects war, preparations for war, and every form of violence and domination. It advocates primacy of conscience, economic and social justice, and respect for creation.

Pax Christi USA commits itself to peace education and, with the help of its bishop members, promotes the gospel imperative of peacemaking as a priority in the Catholic Church in the U.S. Through the efforts of all its members & in partnership with other groups, PCUSA works toward a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world. PCUSA is committed to becoming an anti-racist, multicultural Catholic peace and justice movement.

Pax Christi USA is a section of Pax Christi International, which has representation status at the UN in New York and Vienna, the UN Human Rights Commission and Sub-Commission in Geneva, UNESCO in Paris, and UNICEF in New York.

WHO WE ARE

Pax Christi USA is a national Catholic peace and justice movement reaching over one half-million U.S. Catholics. Our membership includes: religious communities; parishes; bishops; over 250 Pax Christi local and campus groups in 105 dioceses in 41 states; 20 regions that coordinate activities in their geographic areas; and tens of thousands of individual members.

OUR PRIORITIES

- Spirituality of Nonviolence and Peacemaking
- Disarmament, Demilitarization, and Reconciliation with Justice
- Economic and Interracial Justice in the United States
- Human Rights and Global Restoration



BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

Begun in 1999, Brothers and Sisters All is a 20-year initiative to transform Pax Christi USA into an anti-racist, multicultural Catholic peace and justice movement and to elevate and celebrate the rich, diverse membership of the Catholic Church. Pax Christi USA seeks to embrace an anti-racist identity and to do all its work from an anti-racist perspective, in the conviction that personal and systemic racism perpetuates violence in our communities and results in deep spiritual and social brokenness.

This transformation is accomplished through intentional relationships and full participation across cultural communities by:

- Organizational structures that foster mutual respect and dialogue and which create accountability to people of color
- Policies which affirm the dignity and utilize the talents of every person
- Practices which hold multiple and at times conflicting perspectives in creative tension
- Decision-making processes which depend on and incorporate the multi-cultural identity that is the Church, the Body of Christ.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL GROUPS

Pax Christi local groups offer opportunities to join with others in a community setting to deepen their understanding of the gospel call to peace and justice.

Pax Christi USA's 250 local chapters are located in 105 dioceses in 41 states. The groups meet regularly in neighborhoods, parishes, religious communities high schools, and on college campuses to pray, study, and act for peace with justice on local, national, and global issues.