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Want Peace? Prepare For It.

Si Vis Pacem, Para Pacem.
Si Quieres La Paz, Prepara La Paz.
Disarmament, Demilitarization, and Reconciliation with Justice

What is your personal experience where you live?

- guns?
- war preparation?
- make drone parts?
- over-policing?
- domestic abuse?
- nuclear weapons?
- gangs or drugs?
Catholics can use Just Peace to discern action
JUST PEACE is a Christian way for building peace at all stages of acute conflict and draws on three key approaches that form the “head, body, and heart” for just peace.
Just Peace vs Gun violence
And God heals hearts and people change laws.
What **JUST PEACE** practices, principles, and virtues do we see in this video?
**JUST PEACE practices**

1. Support nonviolent direct action
2. Take independent initiatives to reduce threat
3. Use cooperative conflict resolution
4. Acknowledge responsibility, seek repentance
5. Advance democracy, human rights, and religious liberty
6. Foster just and sustainable economic development
7. Work with emerging cooperative forces
8. Strengthen legal and accountability systems
9. Reduce weapons and weapons trade
10. Encourage grassroots peacemaking groups and voluntary associations
JUST PEACE principles

1. Human dignity of all people (just cause)
2. Positive peace/structural justice (right intention)
3. Participatory process/all stakeholders
4. Healthy relationships (right relationships)
5. Reconciliation (wholistic healing)
6. Restoration (repair of harm)
7. Sustainability (processes that can last over time)
JUST PEACE  virtues

What kind of people are we becoming?
What habits are shaping us?
How do our means of action justify our end goal?

Catholic peacemakers develop virtues such as humility, solidarity, hospitality, mercy, patience, discernment, and courage through regular practices of prayer, eucharistic celebration, service, and creativity.
How are Catholics using JUST PEACE to reduce gun violence?
In CHICAGO, Cardinal Cupich has:

1. Created listening forums on guns with students and young adults
2. Launched a funded Violence Prevention/Nonviolence and Just Peace program
3. Opened a nonviolence center
4. Publicly advocated for “common sense” gun laws
5. Supported nonviolent civil disobedience in support of common sense gun laws
6. Supported the Parish Peace Project and Warriors of Peace programs
The U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference has outlined what “common sense” gun laws might look like.
Catholic sisters are organizing using “shareholder activism” to change policies of major gun manufacturers.

Sr. Judy Byron introduced a proposal to Sturm Ruger to reveal risks associated with their business. In May, Ruger’s shareholders voted to comply.

Other Catholic sisters are introducing similar proposals to American Outdoor Brands (aka Smith & Wesson) and Dick’s Sporting Goods -- major gun manufacturers and retailers in the U.S.
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