

Pax Christi Massachusetts Newsletter



Violence Ends Where Love Begins

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Coordinator's Corner: Hope in a Dark Time

By Pat Ferrone

Never in my adult life has the gloom caused by strange and frightening politics been so pervasive; nor has the nagging pull of news and its analysis consumed so much of life's time, often leaving in its wake a sense of hopelessness. As I try to understand the irrational pronouncements of Mr. Trump, I



Erika and Thomas Mann, 1930s

imagine their consequences as directed toward undocumented immigrants, Muslims, women, journalists, or others who challenge his motives and actions. A simmer of anger bubbles as we all wait for the next pernicious declaration. To our dismay, many of us are fixated on all things Trump, a disorienting preoccupation.

Recently, I discovered a tattered book on a shelf, once purchased at a library book sale. Published as a

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collection of talks given on March 15, 1937 at the Peace and Democracy Rally at Madison Square Garden, it was entitled *Hitler A Menace to World Peace*. Much was known of Hitlerian politics by that time - the brutality, the silencing of voices under the framework of a totalitarian state that came to control the whole of German life, and the evolving policies which targeted the elimination of all dissent, all Jews. After only four years, the Nazi reign of terror was well established and on its way to the genocidal holocaust that came to mark the 20th century, to be followed by a devil's list of human atrocities extending to this very day.

In her presentation, Erika Mann, a playwright, and the daughter of the exiled writer Thomas Mann, spoke of the gathering as a meeting of "the friends of civilization and peace...synonymous with meetings of the enemies of Fascism...whether they be "left"-minded or conservative; whether Jewish or not"...possessing "at least one characteristic" which markedly differentiated them from the gatherings of their opponents..."Our meetings," she said, "should not and need not ever resort to lies"...because "the truths which are of importance to us are more mighty, are in the long run more convincing than any untruth

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Hope in a Dark Time: Notes of a Young Peacemaker

By Jeanelle Wheeler

Life as a college student is filled with deadlines, papers, and packed schedules. In the middle of my third year at Brown University, it is hard to believe both how much I have grown and how much the world keeps changing. I'm



Jeanelle (right) leaflets at Brown

learning all the time—in courses such as *Music and Social Protest*, *Politics of Francophone Africa*,

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could ever be, created and imagined by a ministry of propaganda, solely for one purpose - namely that of spreading untruth." At that time, she was hopeful that voices of truth could "help mankind see" what was going on in Germany and change the course of events. It was not to be, but her words join the current chorus of voices warning of a "clear and present danger."

Today, we are immersed in a political atmosphere of evasions, outright lies, and "doublespeak" - the manipulation of language designed to sow confusion and obscure the truth. Wave after wave of contorted thought is the daily fare we are fed. Up is down; down is up; and around we go, thrown off as our deep human needs for authenticity, purpose and meaning are toyed with. It is as if a madness, buried below the surface of our lives and our country, has broken ground and become manifest.

Good people have capitulated to the aura of power and false deliverance, and powerful money holders are creating policy and denying verifiable scientific findings about the demise of our global environment. Politicians make Faustian bargains to remain within the power circle of a callous, calculating man who sees himself as national redeemer; racism and hatred of the 'other' are cultivated.

And people are fearful - some because health care will be jeopardized; others are anxious and

afraid as ICEy round-ups begin, followed by deportation and separation from families. The proposal to build a massive wall across our southern border befuddles and alarms. More war-making and increased expenditures for the military are expected, and threats by way of provocative muscle flexing are made, as in a recent online news article by Sara Gonzales. In it, Trump is quoted as suggesting the "military may come marching down Pennsylvania Avenue ...maybe flying over New York City and Washington, D.C.," not unlike what's seen in China and North Korea.

And Mr. Trump, edgy and unpredictable, now has access to the nuclear code and seems cavalier about the use of these



Post-Election 2016 "Love Rally," Boston Common (Boston Globe)

apocalyptic weapons. This attitude and other global threats have caused the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists to move the hands of the Doomsday Clock 30 seconds closer to midnight. It now stands only 2.5 minutes away from the possibility of catastrophic global destruction.

But for many, Trump is the answer to prayers, a straight shooter who will "make America great again" and bring back its former glory, where "white" is mighty and "might" is right. The bully

holds court as a model and will surely invite mimicry. Erika Mann spoke, too, of the enthrallment with Hitler, who had 90% approval from the German people after he conflated the positions of Chancellor and President, became "Fuhrer," and was granted unquestioned power. His new title became synonymous with a "ruthless and tyrannical leader."

It is more than difficult to keep one's bearings in such times, but we must maintain a remnant of sanity, compassion and love as operative principles, and dare to remind the "king" that his clothing is transparent, and that his claim to absolute power is illusory. Already, there is much evidence that counter narratives are arising. Public protests and witnesses took place immediately after the Inauguration: Boston Common, inspired by women organizers, welcomed 175,000 people on January 21 (a beautiful multi-colored diversity of young and old). Throngs came together in 600 cities in all 50 states, as well as in 200 communities in 32 countries around the world.

There were signs everywhere held by sympathetic souls who spotlighted the ways in which the Administration's plans will offend and harm, well, just about everybody! In their own ways, the variety of messages at rallies made clear that the focus was not only on the individual man, Trump, but on the concerns about which they cared - health, human rights, the environment, for instance, and all the real needs that are threatened by inept leadership. On view were signs that said, "No Trump, No KKK, No Fascist USA," "Love Trumps Hate,"

Refugees Welcome,” “America Weeps,” “Left or Right We Can All See Wrong,” “Build Love Not Walls,” “Another World is Possible,” and “No One is Free When Others are Oppressed.”

Even though recent history is replete with examples of the desecration of life and our environment, this present moment seems a time when our world may be on the brink of serious breakdown. And yet, beneath the bubbling surface of fear and anger, and the frustration of being pummeled by dire news, something else is going on. In great need of connection, we are holding fast to one another, and sharing our fears. We are delving deep for responses that arise out of faith, rather than knee-jerk flares of disgust and hate. Interfaith prayer gatherings are being organized; letters written and telephone calls made. Rallies and meetings are being initiated. We are all trying to figure out the best use of our time and energy.

In our case, we anchor ourselves to the unflagging work of Pax Christi and the greater peace community which has never been abandoned, and try to magnify the actions based on nonviolent, all-embracing Love - the heart of the gospel message. What I see are people leaping over previous boundaries to work together in gentle, loving outrage (not an oxymoron), creatively finding ways to fashion new possibilities. Wendell Berry's words give courage: *“I believe that the world was created and approved by love, that it subsists, coheres, and endures by love, and that, in so far as it is redeemable, it can be redeemed only by love.”*

To offer only one example, this past fall, Pax Christi MA joined with Massachusetts Peace Action for a joint assembly around the abolition of nuclear weapons,
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blending Pope Francis' and Pax Christi's faith-based opposition to nuclear weapons and MAPA's expertise in connecting the unjust waste of citizens' money to the lack of funds for infrastructure renewal. With them, efforts are underway to create a faith-based coalition of cooperative resistance.

Educational efforts persist locally, and through webinars created by Pax Christi International's "Catholics for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons." In a letter to President Trump in January (see next column), this group urged the Trump Administration "to **surprise** the world and actively support UN negotiations regarding the illegality of nuclear weapons..." Just weeks ago local



Nuclear resister Sr. Megan Rice, age 87 (motherjones.com)

Pax Christi groups created two venues to hear Sr. Megan Rice, Professor Elaine Scarry, and Washington Post journalist Dan Zak share their knowledge and experiences of resistance to the nuclear nightmare.

If we focus small, we can see that seeds of courage, borne of trust in God's occupation of our souls, are growing. We must pray for ways to love our enemies and work for the healing of one another and our world. We must include President Trump in our petitions, and direct loving-kindness his way. Let's try to speak clearly and often, and continue to be a light for the world (even though we flicker and sometimes grow dim)!

In the closing paragraph of an

article from the online "Journey with Jesus" entitled "Why I March," Brie Linkenhoker reminds us to *"Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the week. Comfort the afflicted. Be patient with all but make no peace with oppression. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit."* Amen!

Pat Ferrone is Co-Coordinator, with Fr. Rocco Puopolo, s.x., of Pax Christi Massachusetts.

January 2017

To: President-elect Trump
Re: A message from Catholics in support of nuclear abolition

"Now is the time to affirm not only the immorality of the use of nuclear weapons, but the immorality of their possession, thereby clearing the road to nuclear abolition." ("Nuclear Disarmament: Time for Abolition," The Holy See, December 8, 2014)

Dear President-elect Trump:

Nuclear weapons have plagued humanity for 70 years. Designed to terrify as well as to destroy, these weapons can, in the hands of either states or terrorists, cause indiscriminate harm to humans and the earth on a scale that is unthinkable and likely to persist for generations. The use of nuclear weapons has long been strictly prohibited by Catholic teaching. Two years ago, however, the Holy See added that "the very possession of nuclear weapons, even for purposes of deterrence, is morally problematic."

As leadership in organizations representing hundreds of

thousands of Catholics in the United States, we are deeply troubled that the United States would, by implication or action, contribute to a renewed nuclear arms race. No moral justification exists for impeding the already painfully slow steps to nuclear abolition; undercutting existing nuclear arms control agreements; or encouraging the proliferation of nuclear weapons, including among so-called “friendly” countries.

We strongly oppose plans of the United States to modernize the nuclear weapons arsenal, investing billions to ensure that these deadly weapons remain ready for use. These funds and tremendous human talent are diverted from meeting true human security goals and from protecting the integrity of creation.

Continued reliance on nuclear weapons is an affront to human dignity and the sacredness of life. Yet, nuclear weapons are the only weapons of mass destruction not prohibited by an international convention, even though they have the greatest destructive capacity of all weapons.

We urge your Administration to surprise the world and actively support negotiations at the United Nations on a treaty that would not only make it illegal for nations to use or possess nuclear weapons, but would also help pave the way to their complete elimination, strengthening existing non-proliferation and disarmament efforts.

In his recent World Day of Peace message for 2017, His Holiness Pope Francis said, “An ethics of fraternity and peaceful coexistence between individuals and among peoples cannot be based on the logic of fear, violence and closed-

mindfulness, but on responsibility, respect and sincere dialogue. Hence, I plead for disarmament and for the prohibition and abolition of nuclear weapons: nuclear deterrence and the threat of mutual assured destruction are incapable of grounding such an ethics.”

As you accept the heavy responsibility for U.S. nuclear weapons policy we urge you to remember, in the words of the Holy See, that “the commitment to disarm embedded in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and other international documents is more than a legal-political detail, it is a moral commitment on which the future of the world depends.”

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and *Race, Gender, and Class in the American Musical*. And I am learning by interacting with



With hand statue in Appalachia

students from all over the country and the world. But there is a different type of learning that

happens beyond the walls of the classroom or at a table in the dining hall – learning by advocating and working for peace and social justice.

In the midst of our academically-overloaded lives, it can be difficult to make time for putting ourselves outside the bubble that is our university. But we must.

At Brown I am now the Social Justice Coordinator for the Brown-RISD Catholic Community. It’s my job to ensure that, as a faith-based community, we have discussions about Catholic Social Teaching and how to implement these teachings into our lives. I’ve been running a “Social Justice Dinner Series” that features speakers from the community.

And last winter break, I participated in an educational awareness trip to eastern Kentucky to learn about injustices facing those who live in the Appalachia region. While in Kentucky, our Brown group met with Glenmary priest, Father John Rausch, whom I met at a Pax Christi MA event at St. Susanna’s in Dedham. Father Rausch showed us the tragic environmental consequences of mountaintop removal coal mining.

I have also been working for justice for all of Earth’s creation – not just humans, but also animals and the environment. I’m a fellow for the organization Mercy for Animals and promote compassionate, planet-friendly diets on campus through outreach efforts. And as the president of the Brown Animal Rights Coalition, I lead a weekly “Deep Dialogues” series that discusses how animal and human rights intersect.

Meanwhile, I’ve had the opportunity to work directly with

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low-income youth and refugees in the Providence community. This January I was a mentor for a program called “Future Forward,” in which I guided low-income high school seniors through the college application process and scholarship search. I wasn’t just an extra pair of eyes for the scholarship search, but also got to know each student as an individual.

I’ve also participated in several marches this semester. The night after the presidential election, I marched throughout Providence with hundreds of students from Brown and the community-at-large. After the immigrant and refugee ban was declared, I watched as the Providence Public Schools walked out of their



With Claire Schaeffer-Duffy (left) and Teresa Wheeler, Jeanelle’s mother (right), at Women’s March

classrooms and marched on the State Capitol building. On the following Sunday, I joined hundreds more who flooded the State Capitol building again, speaking out for continuing to welcome our fellow brothers and sisters from other countries. And I went with a group of women from Holy Cross College to the Women’s March in Boston. In the midst of all these marches, there was light in the political darkness.

And yet, the real hope I’ve been able to find this semester is from working directly with refugees through Providence’s Dorcas International refugee center. I

teach English as a Second Language as a classroom assistant in a lowest-level ESL class. Through volunteering at the center, I’ve connected with adults from Somalia, Syria, Afghanistan, Cape Verde, El Salvador, Haiti, the Congo, and Senegal. While listening to my students and watching them work hard to learn the alphabet and basic phrases, I am always amazed at how much we can communicate without using words. I am also humbled by their dedication and their kindness.

After teaching at the refugee center for several hours twice a week, I take public transportation back to Brown. Often as I wait for the bus, I hear the call “Teacher, teacher!” from my new refugee friends from Senegal or Haiti. We then ride the bus together and converse in our common second language, French. I have found that working for justice through not only compassion and listening, but also through education, plants the seeds of peace in this community and around the world. I pray that we can all recognize Christ in one another and take the time to truly listen and connect with each other.

I have discovered I have a passion for not only languages and literature, but also teaching. I hope to become a language teacher – whether that’s English, French, or ESL – and continue to work for justice through educating the next generation. Let us focus on the light in the midst of our current darkness and continue to let our own light shine to make a better future for all!

A junior at Brown University, Jeanelle Wheeler is a PCMA Youth Peacemaker Award recipient.

**“Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.”
-Jill Jackson Miller & Sy Miller**

Letter from Bishop Rozanski

On January 31, 2017, Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of Springfield released the following letter:

My dear friends in Christ,

I write to you to express my concerns and reservations over the January 27 Presidential Executive Order that has caused the suspension of the refugee admissions program as well as many of our country’s visa and immigration admissions programs.

While I can certainly appreciate and recognize the need for our government to maintain policies



Bishop Rozanski (wamc.org)

which safeguard the nation and its citizens, this need not come at the expense of innocent people, many who are families with young children trying to escape unspeakable violence and hardships. The welcome of immigrants is an integral part of our history as a country and is a core value of our own Catholic teaching. It has made us a beacon of hope whose light has shone across our world. We cannot allow ourselves to be frightened unnecessarily into conceding the principles of either our nation or our faith.

As Christians we must speak out against broad stroke measures that are an affront to the dignity of all human beings. It is part of the very fabric of our pro-

life teaching that in each and every person we see the true and living presence of God.

I invite you to join me in prayerfully and respectfully asking President Trump to rescind his Jan. 27 Order and engage in a meaningful dialogue with relevant agencies and organizations to bring about a more humane and compassionate approach to immigration consistent with the values of our great nation.

For our part, the Diocese of Springfield and our Catholic Charities Agency will continue in our many efforts, including plans to welcome the refugees who have been invited to settle here. I feel when you see refugees and immigrants face to face, you will not see a threat, rather encounter good people earnestly seeking to find a new home in which they can find welcome, peace, and the promise of safety.

Wishing you all God's blessings,
(Most Rev.) Mitchell T. Rozanski
Bishop of Springfield,
Massachusetts



Assembly audience at St. Susanna



All Assembly photos are courtesy of Phil Mandeville.

St. John's Prep Pax Christi



We've gathered for a 15-minute "Prayer for Peace" every Tuesday morning at 7:45 am somewhere on our campus since Fall 2002. We pause for a moment of calm, read a prayerful reflection, share "any concerns for peace we bring with us today," and conclude with the sharing of a Sign of Peace. Our core members pictured here in our Commons stand prepared to "witness for peace" as occasions arise within our school community and beyond.

-Bill Mackinson (center rear) is faculty advisor to St. John's PC.

Ending the Nuclear Nightmare

By Mike Moran

The 2016 Pax Christi Massachusetts annual fall Assembly resulted from a collaboration with Massachusetts Peace Action, which has been lobbying for nuclear disarmament since the 1980s. The event brought over 60 members and supporters of both organizations, along with others interested in the gathering's theme, to St. Susanna Parish in Dedham on Saturday, October 22.

One keynote speaker from each organization addressed the group and responded to each other in the morning. First up was Marie Dennis, familiar to PCMA members from leading our annual spring retreat in 2012, co-president of Pax Christi International since 2007, and a founder of the movement "Catholics for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons." She reviewed the mixed history of international deliberations to reduce or eliminate nuclear weapons, culminating in a pending resolution (since adopted) by the United Nations General Assembly to negotiate a legally binding agreement in 2017 (meetings are scheduled in late March and June-July in New York) which would prohibit nuclear weapons.



Marie Dennis at St. Susanna

For Catholics in the audience, it was thrilling to hear Ms. Dennis, one of 80 participants, describe the two-day "Just Peace" conference initiated by PCI at the Vatican in April 2016, whose final statement urged Pope Francis to write a new encyclical rejecting the Church's "just war" theory and calling on Catholics to promote Gospel nonviolence and the abolition of nuclear weapons (see last issue of this newsletter).

Jonathan King, who has taught molecular biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1969 and authored over 250 scientific publications, then described the work of MAPA's Nuclear Disarmament Working Group,

which he recently convened to devise political strategies for the elimination of nuclear weapons. The group's main focus is on a "People's Budget," which would convert many wasteful military expenditures to productive civilian purposes. As an everyday life example, Professor King noted that the cost of one Trident missile could pay for 50 new "Red Line" cars for Boston's subway system.



Jonathan King at St. Susanna

A delicious lunch included many pies and other home-made treats contributed by St. Susanna parishioners. At the annual Pax Christi Massachusetts business meeting after lunch, the 2016 peacemaker award went to Isaura Mendes, a Dorchester anti-violence activist who lost two sons and several other family members to street violence over the past twenty years and found the strength to forgive their killers and minister to other victims of violence.



Alicen Roberts at St. Susanna

The 2016 John Leary youth peacemaker award was then presented to Alicen Roberts for her volunteer work with AFSC in Northampton as a Smith College undergraduate, her musical and other support work at Agape in **Winter-Spring 2017**

recent years, and her current work with inner-city youth at Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries in Boston.

Afternoon activities brought audience members into conversation with the morning speakers and with each other as local opportunities were explored and action ideas exchanged in the quest for nuclear abolition from both a faith-based and a political perspective. A closing parish Mass celebrated by St. Susanna pastor, Fr. Stephen Josoma, featured Ms. Dennis as homilist, and parishioners who had missed her earlier in the day were clearly impressed by the clarity and force of her vision for the Church's leading role in creating a nuclear-free future.

Whether or not they stayed for Mass, other attendees I spoke with at the end of the day shared my sense that the religious and secular dimensions of this Assembly program had enriched each other and that Pax Christi MA should pursue more such fruitful collaborations with kindred organizations in the future.

-Mike Moran is the editor of this newsletter.

Book Reviews

Markey, Eileen. *A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura* (Nation Books, 2016)

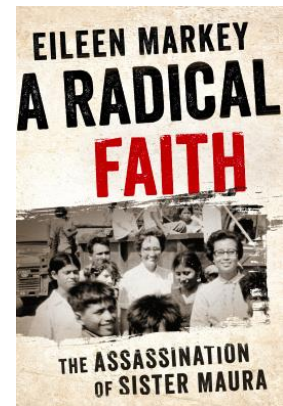
Reviewed by Jane Morrissey, SSJ

Knowing full well that I will not do the book justice, I write this review of *A Radical Faith* simply because I said I would. Journalist daughter of Pax Christi parents (Martin and Sally Markey), the author arrests your attention cover to cover. Subtitle and book jacket

alert you to "the assassination of Sister Maura."

In words and photographs you see Maura's sweet smiling self surrounded by children, and you see her grave. You start with Markey's account of four holy women's bodies in a cow pasture: "their clothes were askew, and their faces dirty, their hair matted with blood." In the following pages you uncover the vowed love lived that led the one of them named Maura to that grave.

Markey deftly backtracks through her family history with its religious, political, and personal entanglements, from Ireland to the Rockaways to the Maryknoll community to Central America, opening the reader's eyes to the complex and contradictory edges



of Church and State in those many places where Maura lives. She alerts you to headline news and household stories through Maura's eyes, in her heart's prayer. Markey not only gives you the concrete details but also documents them fully.

You trust that she knows her subject: she lets you know how she met her in Maura's own words, in the words of her family and friends, and in the stunning record of her history.

You will do yourself and your faith a favor by reading *A Radical*

Faith. You may even find yourself in its pages at your own radical depth. Markey's final words from and about Maura are two. For her "Everyone mattered."

-Jane Morrissey, SSJ, is a PCMA founder and former board member

Hennessey, Kate. *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty* (Scribner, 2017).

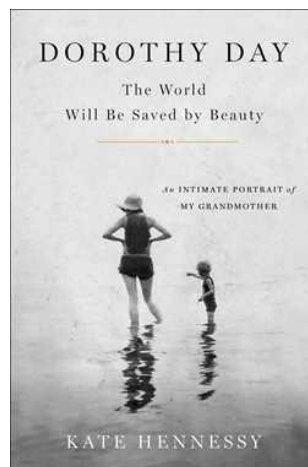
Book Talk, by Jeanne Allen

On a cold January night, the Morrison Room of Willits-Hallowell Center of Mount Holyoke College was filled with well over 100 students and community members, some from as far away as New Hampshire, eager to hear Kate Hennessey speak about her latest book, *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of my Grandmother*.

The ninth (and youngest) of Dorothy Day's grandchildren, she had a unique perspective on her grandmother's life, as well as on her relationship with her only daughter, Tamar, Kate's mother. As such, she took us on her journey to writing the book, a deeply personal process for her. She also answered questions from the audience, in such an in-depth and fluid way that over an hour passed without our being aware of the time.

It was clear from her comments that she shared a deeply special relationship with both her mother and her grandmother. Brought up in the way of Dorothy Day, she shared stories of the early days of the Catholic Worker movement, as well as the later days that were perhaps less hectic but nonetheless meaningful.

The audience was as much a marvel as Dorothy Day herself. There were academics, old lefties, peace movement activists, religious people of many faiths, as well as students who were being introduced to her for the first time. I attended with several members of my parish's Small Christian Community who were unfamiliar with Dorothy Day when we arrived, but determined to learn more about her by the time we left. In fact, I haven't been able to read the book yet, because I have already loaned it to one of my SCC sisters!



Co-sponsored by Mount Holyoke's Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and The Odyssey Bookshop, their entire stock of books was sold out, and Kate generously spent another hour signing books and conversing informally.

-Jeanne Allen is Secretary of the PCMA board.

Reviewed by Mike Moran

I was one of the many audience members to speak with Kate after her talk at Mount Holyoke. When I mentioned the contrast between the feisty and forceful image she had just presented of her grandmother and the modest,

almost self-effacing woman I met as an undergraduate at Assumption College many years ago, Kate simply replied, "She was all of those things."

While the diaries (*The Duty of Delight*) and letters (*All the Way to Heaven*) of Dorothy Day were published years ago, along with many biographies, no other account of her life is as personal and intimate, or offers as full a portrait of Kate's mother and Dorothy's only child, Tamar, or of Kate's grandfather, Forster Batterham, who wouldn't marry Dorothy because she became a Catholic. Yet mother, father, and daughter are shown here to have stayed close throughout their lives.

This memoir offers even rarer insight into the lives of Kate's estranged father, David Hennessey, and her eight older siblings. The story of Dorothy's interaction with all of them immeasurably enriches the reader's understanding of her life and work.

Tamar and all her children grew up at least partly in Catholic Worker homes over the years, and Kate paints vivid pictures of such CW stalwarts as the artist Ada Bethune and factotum Stanley Vishnewski. Even the Vermont farm which David and Tamar bought in the 1950s to raise their family was an extended CW house of hospitality.

Perhaps the most moving part of the book is the three successive death scenes near the end: Dorothy with her mother, Grace, in 1945; Tamar with Dorothy in 1980; and Kate with Tamar in 2008. The title quote from Dostoyevsky, Kate writes, is what gives her hope. "For if, after years of struggle, weariness.. [Dorothy] believed in salvation through beauty, then how can we not listen?"



Pax Christi 2017 Spring Retreat

Living Hope

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. Jeremiah 29: 11-12

Saturday, April 8th,
Assumption College, Worcester

Salon room of La Maison (Administration Building) 500 Salisbury Street
Worcester MA

Registration begins at 8:30am
Program 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (4:00pm Mass for those who wish to stay)

***Our time together will help us
to further ground our hope in
God's promise, compassion,
faithfulness and dream for us
and all creation.***



Fr. Tom McMurry, SJ has been guiding people in the Spiritual Exercises since 1978 in the US, Canada, Ethiopia, Ireland, and the Caribbean. He is currently training and supervising a team of three married couples in companioning others in the Spiritual Exercises. He spent twelve years in Jamaica during which time he served as Regional Superior and President of St. George's College. He is now administrator at Nativity School of Worcester besides doing retreat work.

Registration Form

Name _____ Street Address _____

City/State _____ Phone/E-mail _____

Donation* \$35.00 (Lunch will be in café on one's own)

Student Donation* \$15.00

I would like to be a Retreat Sponsor and will donate an additional tax-deductible gift of \$_____ to help defray the cost of the Retreat.

Mail Registration and check, made out to "Pax Christi MA" to:

Charles Gobron, 6 Bolser Avenue Natick, MA 01760

*Scholarships available

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For information: paxchristima@gmail.com

2017 Pax Christi Massachusetts Peacemaker Award Nomination
To be awarded at the annual Pax Christi Massachusetts Assembly Fall 2017

This award is given to an outstanding peacemaker who embodies the ideals of Pax Christi. She or he need not be a member of Pax Christi and may be a person as young as 16, or older. Nominations may be submitted by PC-MA members, teachers, campus ministers, parish pastoral leaders, youth ministers, family members or friends who have been inspired by the nominee.

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by September 1, 2017.

SEND TO: Mike Moran, 135 Shearer Street, Palmer, MA 01069 (or email to: moran3@comcast.net)

Nominee's name/s _____
School, if applicable _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Social justice & peacemaking activities, volunteer involvement, etc. (attach, as needed)
Your name _____ Relationship to nominee _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

2017 Pax Christi Massachusetts John Leary Youth Peacemaker Award Nomination
To be awarded at the annual Pax Christi Massachusetts Assembly Fall 2017

This award is given to an outstanding young peacemaker who embodies the ideals of Pax Christi, as John Leary lived them. John was a Harvard University graduate who worked with PC Massachusetts co-founder Gordon Zahn at the Pax Christi Center on Conscience and War in Cambridge and died at age 24 while jogging to Haley House, a Catholic Worker House in Boston, during the summer of 1982.

Nominees for the John Leary Award need not be members of Pax Christi but should be no older than 24. Nominations may be submitted by PC-MA members, teachers, campus ministers, parish pastoral leaders, youth ministers, family members or friends who have been inspired by the nominee.

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News From Agape

Standing Rock has become a symbol of nonviolent Native resistance. Brayton Shanley of the Agape Community has published a journal reflection with pictures of his trip in early December with members of The Peace Pagoda. Please send \$5.00 (Agape Community, 2062 Greenwich Road, Ware, MA 01082) to cover printing and mailing costs, or a donation of any amount to continue the publication of the journal

A Pilgrimage to Standing Rock:
"After 500 Years of Oppression,
All We Have Left Is Love"
by Brayton Shanley



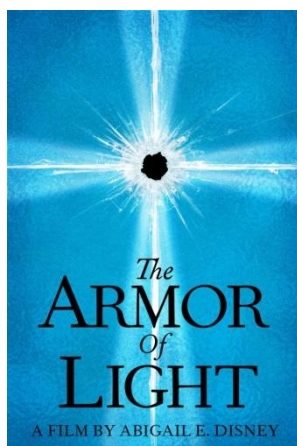
Entrance to Standing Rock and the Sacred River

"Armor of Light" from Campaign Nonviolence

by Mike Moran

Despite the cold January evening, over 30 supporters of Greater Springfield Campaign Nonviolence made their way to Holy Cross Parish in Springfield, where CNV/Pax Christi member and Holy Cross deacon Bill Toller hosted a showing and discussion of the film *The Armor of Light*.

Director Abigail E. Disney follows Evangelical minister Bob Schenck, an anti-abortion activist and religious leader of the political far right, as he begins to question whether being pro-gun is consistent with being pro-life. Reverend Schenck is surprised and disheartened by the reactions of



(imdb.com)

some longtime associates, who warn him away from this politically sensitive issue.

After meeting Evangelical Christian Lucy McBath, the mother of Jordan Davis, an unarmed teenager who was murdered in Florida and whose killer invoked that state's "Stand Your Ground" law in his defense, Rev. Schenck reaches out to pastors around the country to discuss the moral response to gun violence, and Ms. McBath becomes a national spokesperson for the group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

The tone of the film, which runs for 1 hour and 27 minutes, is consistently quiet, thoughtful, and challenging. Pax Christi

viewers will appreciate its many insightful comments, like "When you're motivated by fear, you're motivated by something other than or sometimes opposed to faith in God" (Rev. Schenck) and "We should all love one another; people have more faith in their guns than they do in God" (Ms. McBath).

Action ideas discussed after the film showing in Springfield ranged from teaching nonviolence to children as a way to counter the appeal of gang culture where family support may be weak to scheduling more showings of the film in the local area. Pax Christi groups which may want to sponsor local events around this film can contact Bill Toller at wm.toller@verizon.net.

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