

RECOMMENDED SOURCES: PRAYER/STUDY/ACTION FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

A) Sources by and/or Featuring Our Three Speakers:

* Archbishop John C. Wester. "Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation toward Nuclear Disarmament" (Archbishop Wester's prophetic pastoral letter, published January 11, 2022):

https://archdiosf.org/documents/2022/1/220111_ABW_Pastoral_Letter_LivingintheLightofChristsPeace_Official_Reduced.pdf

* Marie Dennis (editor). "Choosing Peace: The Catholic Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence" (proceedings of a 2016 Vatican-Pax Christi International conference: 80 peacemakers from around the world refocus Church teaching from just war to nonviolence and peacebuilding), Orbis Books, 2017:

<https://orbisbooks.com/products/choosing-peace>

* Marie Dennis, "Teacher of Peace 2022 Acceptance Speech," with video (Pax Christi USA / the author's comprehensive vision of and blueprint for nonviolent peacemaking in the 21st century):

<https://paxchristiusa.org/2022/08/08/marie-dennis-teacher-of-peace-2022-acceptance-speech/>

* Ira Helfand+ "President Biden and President Xi should make a nuclear disarmament pact" (Washington Post LTE by Dr. Helfand, Abp Wester, and Peter Metz, November 14, 2023):

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2023/11/14/biden-xi-nuclear-disarmament-pact/>

* Ira Helfand+ "Reducing the risks of nuclear war: the role of health professionals" (editorial co-authored by Dr. Helfand and published August 1, 2023 in 200+ medical journals around the world):

<https://www.bmj.com/content/bmj/382/bmj.p1682.full.pdf>

* "The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons" (informative history of the TPNW; Ira Helfand is one of the main speakers; 56 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzWyYuYLxIM>

* Dennis Sadowski, "New Mexico Archbishop Wester Calls Catholics To Work for Nuclear Abolition" (NCR reporter's insightful story on the January 27 forum):

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/new-mexico-archbishop-wester-calls-catholics-work-nuclear-abolition>

B) Other Key Sources of Further Background Information

* Pope Francis, Nagasaki speech, November 2019 (the latest and most concise summary of the opposition by all Popes since the Second Vatican Council to nuclear weapons):

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2019/november/documents/papa-francesco_20191124_messaggio-arminucleari-nagasaki.html

* "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response" (seminal 1983 pastoral letter on war and peace by the US National Conference of Catholic Bishops):

<https://www.usccb.org/upload/challenge-peace-gods-promise-our-response-1983.pdf>

* Back from the Brink ("US-based grassroots coalition of individuals, organizations, and elected officials" working to abolish nuclear weapons): <https://preventnuclearwar.org/>

* H.Res.77 ("Back from the Brink" resolution, introduced in US Congress by Rep. Jim McGovern, incorporates BftB's 5-step platform): <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-resolution/77>

- * ICAN (International Campaign To Abolish Nuclear Weapons: international perspective; focus on the TPNW): <https://www.icanw.org/>
- * Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (the Vatican was the first signer, in 2017, of this historic international treaty outlawing nuclear weapons):
<https://disarmament.unoda.org/wmd/nuclear/tpnw/>
- * PAX and ICAN, “Untenable Investments: Nuclear Weapons Producers and Their Financiers” (report on 24 companies which make nuclear weapons components and their banks):
<https://www.dontbankonthebomb.com/untenable-investments/>
- * Rishi Gurudevan, “Gen Z; An Untapped Pool of Support for Nuclear Disarmament” (inspiring recent “Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists” article by a national leader of Students for Nuclear Disarmament):
<https://thebulletin.org/2024/04/gen-z-an-untapped-pool-of-support-for-nuclear-disarmament/>
- * Nuclear Threat Initiative, articles (with useful links) on “Oppenheimer’s” Academy Award as a teachable moment for work toward abolishing nuclear weapons:
<https://www.nti.org/news/hollywood-voices-sound-alarm-on-nuclear-threat-as-oppenheimer-sweeps-the-academy-awards/>
- * New York Times, “At the Brink” series of articles on the increasing danger of nuclear war:
https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/03/07/opinion/nuclear-war-prevention.html?unlocked_article_code=1.cU0.Zi_D.eUK5gdjzYUhm&smid=url-share
- * Warheads to Windmills, “Addressing Climate Catastrophe and Nuclear War before It’s Too Late” (instructive 2-29-24 webinar by Timmon Wallis of NuclearBan.US and Ivana Hughes of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation): <https://bit.ly/VFP-W2W> (1 hour, 40 minutes)
- * Resolution S.1487 (MA House “Back from the Brink” bill filed by Senator Jo Comerford, due out of Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security [at this writing] by May 8, 2024):
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/S1487>
- * Resolve S.1488 (MA House bill filed by Senator Comerford, to establish a Special Commission to study the threats of nuclear weapons and climate change in MA [same Joint Committee and timing as S.1487]):
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/S1488>
- * Claire Schaeffer-Duffy, "Three Ways Catholics Can Work for Nuclear Disarmament" (typically cogent suggestions from our local Catholic Worker colleague and forum moderator):
<https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/3-ways-catholics-can-work-nuclear-disarmament>

NOTE: This list is also available at the Forum page on the Pax Christi MA website:
<https://paxchristima.org/january-27-forum-building-a-world-without-nuclear-weapons-an-urgent-imperative/>