

Hiroshima & Nagasaki 60 Years Later

In August 1945, the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki each were completely destroyed by a single nuclear weapon, bringing about the loss of about 200,000 precious lives.

The Eastern Oklahoma Pax Christi Community is presenting this exhibit to remind us about the events of 60 years ago in the hope they are never again repeated, and we can live in a world at peace, free from the fear of all such weapons and violence. These posters show the damage caused by a nuclear weapon. Some of the images are disturbing, but that is the reality of nuclear war.

The posters and videos for this exhibit have been provided free of charge by The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum in Japan. The museum was established in 1955 and its mission is, through its atomic bomb materials, to continue appealing to the approximately one million people from Japan and abroad who visit every year for the abolition of nuclear weapons and realization of genuine and lasting world peace.

At this time in U.S. history many are forgetting the horror of nuclear weapons, and our country is now developing new nuclear weapons and considering a first strike policy. Catholics, and all people of faith, should be at the forefront of opposition to such proposals.

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Eastern Oklahoma Pax Christi Community

We are a community of Pax Christi USA members, representatives from several parish social justice committees and other friends who meet on a regular basis to pray, study and act for peace with justice. We embrace the Pax Christi USA statement of purpose and priorities.

Our local Pax Christi community meets from noon to 1:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Church of the Madelene. We are currently discussing the book *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*. This is the pastoral Letter on War and Peace by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. We also sponsor other events, most recently in 2004 a presentation, "The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship...The Body of Christ at Work" presenting the Bishops' vision for how Catholics can participate in the political process, along with follow-up workshops at several parishes.

For more information visit our web site at www.paxchristitulsa.org or contact Fr. Richard Bradley at 272-3710.

About Pax Christi USA

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 United States. Through the efforts of all its members and in cooperation with other groups, Pax Christi USA works toward a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world.

Pax Christi is a section of Pax Christi International, the Catholic peace movement.

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