



# PEACE

Connections



## THE CATHOLIC NONVIOLENCE INITIATIVE AND THE SYNOD PROCESS

**Pax Christi Michigan** supports the **Catholic Nonviolence Initiative** (CNI). The CNI, a project of Pax Christi International, affirms the vision and practice of active nonviolence at the heart of the Catholic Church. It works with the Vatican, bishops from many countries, religious congregations, Catholic universities and local Catholic communities to deepen Catholic understanding of and commitment to Gospel nonviolence, moving nonviolence to the center of Catholic teaching on direct violence and war, systemic and structural violence, cultural violence and ecological violence.

The CNI invited members and friends to share their thoughts and concerns for the Synod process during a series of 10 virtual listening sessions between March and June 2022.

The compelling feedback, including the points detailed below, provide a sublime vision of a church that has fully embraced Gospel nonviolence as the fundamental principle of its teaching:

- A commitment to nonviolence would lead the Church back to the person of Jesus Christ, who himself was a victim of violence and whose life, words and works are the foundation of nonviolence and just peace. The Beatitudes would become our 'manifesto,' our way of life, bringing about peace and understanding, tolerance, justice and a preferential option for those who are impoverished. The values of Just Peace would become a reality, including love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

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- The Church would use its global stage and follow the lead of Pope Francis' who proclaimed "there is no such thing as a just war." At all levels, the Church would be more willing to challenge institutions that promote war, and to criticize militarism and all its devastating consequences for humanity. Applying a Just Peace framework would help the Church engage conflict constructively, breaking cycles or dynamics of violence and building a more sustainable peace. We would hear homilies about reallocating military resources to peaceful purposes, promoting nonviolent alternatives, and meeting human needs in accord with Catholic social teaching. Neither the Church, nor Catholic schools would promote military service.
- The Church would welcome the gifts of women to benefit all aspects of life, and at all levels in the Church. Patriarchy, clericalism and the Church's hierarchical structure would be relinquished as the long-standing rules preventing "non-negotiables" - women's ordination and married priests - would be overturned. The structure would become more collaborative, more cooperative, and open to dialogue with and full participation of the laity.
- The deeply embedded racism in the Church would be uprooted. As diversity is reflected in creation, diverse cultures would be respected. People of color would be welcomed into leadership positions, and their voices would become valued components in addressing critical questions. White privilege would be rejected, and indigenous values, which are essentially based on the wellbeing of the entire community, would be indispensable.
- The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor would be heard. The gravity of these issues would be spelled out at every opportunity, including at bishops' conferences and synods, at parish and diocesan meetings, through the Church's media, and by making them priorities in the seminary curriculum.
- A nonviolent Church would be welcoming, loving and compassionate to all brothers and sisters; it would be closer to the people - a listening people of God, following Jesus who established boundary-breaking friendships with those on the margins. The Church would accept gender diversity and encourage various forms of friendship/companionship. More open conversations would take place with the LGBTQ community, as well as about divorce, sexual violence, and abortion. People who are of any oppressed group would be welcomed by the Church to practice their faith and to be who they are.
- The Church's language would change; inclusive language would be instituted in both liturgy and translations of scripture. Furthermore, the violent language inherent in condemning groups or condemning people to hell would disappear. The theological concept of sin would no longer be utilized to effectively undermine nonviolence and Just Peace by promoting an ineffective manner of conflict resolution, reducing subliminal self-esteem, or contributing to an 'us versus them' mentality.
- Healthier relationships would develop, due to a shift from 'power over' to 'power with.' We would listen to people of all faith traditions and none about what it means to be human and in relationship with all of life's systems. Gospel living would require deep compassion for the socially vulnerable, and a comprehensive understanding of society's issues. Accordingly, many priests and bishops would move out of diocesan and parish offices into the wider-than-Catholic community, listening to real people, and affirming the wonderful things that people are doing. The Church would authentically strive to promote and live in accord with Gospel nonviolence.

The listening sessions further the vital goal of initiating "a global conversation on nonviolence ... to respond to the monumental crises of our time with the vision and strategies of nonviolence and Just Peace," one component of the CNI's "Appeal to the Catholic Church to recommit to Gospel nonviolence." In addition, the CNI calls on the Church to no longer use or teach "just war theory," and "for Pope Francis to share with the world an encyclical on nonviolence and Just Peace." Step by step, Pax Christi, through the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, is helping to lead the world away from perpetual violence and war, and into a bold and inspiring vision of Gospel nonviolence and Just Peace!

*--By Bob Podzikowski, PCM Council Chair*



## Methods of Nonviolent Direct Action

As peacemakers, we may often feel frustrated and powerless when confronting violence and systemic injustice in our society and throughout the world.

However, there is a long history of creative nonviolent actions taken by those who have courageously, persistently and patiently worked to bring about change.

The renowned political scientist Gene Sharp founded the Albert Einstein Institution, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the study of nonviolent action. In his groundbreaking work "The Politics of Nonviolent Action," Sharp catalogued 198 methods of nonviolent action, complete with descriptions and historical examples.

Here are two dozen methods of nonviolent direct action, derived primarily from Gene Sharp's work. The entire list can be found at this link

<https://www.aeinstein.org/nonviolentaction/198-methods-of-nonviolent-action/>

1. PUBLIC SPEAKING
2. LETTERS OR STATEMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS
3. GROUP OR MASS PETITIONS
4. CREATING/DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS, PAMPHLETS OR BOOKS
5. LOBBYING LEGISLATORS OR BUSINESSES
6. OUTREACH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSPAPER, OR RADIO AND TV INTERVIEWS
7. PRAYER OR WORSHIP SERVICES; VIGILS
8. ENGAGEMENT WITH OPPONENTS TO IDENTIFY COMMON GROUND AND UNDERSTANDING
9. PICKETING
10. STRIKES
11. MUSIC AND SINGING
12. PERFORMING PLAYS OR GUERRILLA THEATER
13. MARCHES OR RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS
14. PROTEST MEETINGS
15. TEACH-INS AND SIT-INS
16. BOYCOTTS (LOCAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL)
17. SUSPENSION OF SOCIAL OR SPORTS ACTIVITIES OR SPONSORSHIP
18. CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE
19. PROVIDING SANCTUARY
20. REFUSAL TO PAY FEES, DUES OR TAXES
21. USE OF ALTERNATIVE MARKETS, TRANSPORTATION OR ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS
22. PERSONAL NON-COOPERATION
23. FASTING
24. SILENCE



# Seeing Through the Prism of Justice

50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE



Ten people from Pax Christi Michigan were in attendance to learn and share an unforgettable weekend with several hundred other peacemakers at the **Pax Christi USA National Conference, Seeing Through the Prism of Justice, in Washington DC, August 5 – 7**. Since I was a newcomer, I signed up for the “first-timers”, workshop. When I arrived at the meeting place, I found the room over-flowing. Pax Christi staff members warmly welcomed us, and we had brief introductions. People had come from all over the country. There was a feeling of excitement in the air. It was a time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. A joy for gatherings such as this was palpable.

That evening, the Michigan group had dinner together in the crowded hotel restaurant. There was a woman sitting alone at a small table. One of us approached her and asked if we could join her. Imagine her surprise when ten people moved more chairs and tables into her small space. Her name was **Carrie Hansen**, and she serves as **Co-chair of Pax Christi South Dakota**. A wonderful time of storytelling and laughter was had by all, and we initiated her as our Western “Michigan Satellite” member!



*Starting at the left and going around the table, Carrie Hansen (SD), Mary Hanna, Marianne Bernard, Robin Morales, Lulu Nestor, Evan Delcamp, Matt Redigan, Kim Redigan, Fred Thelen, Pat Valaer, and Melody Arnst.*

The conference officially began with an opening prayer which commemorated the tragedy of the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki followed by a blessing of the ballroom. **Archbishop John C. Wester** of Santa Fe, New Mexico, gave the keynote address. Pax Christi USA provided all participants at the conference with a copy of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, ***Living in the light of Christ's Peace***.<sup>\*</sup> Archbishop Wester spoke about the purpose of his Letter. He began his address with the statement, “We were the first to build and use nuclear weapons and so we must be part of the process that seeks to dismantle them”. He explained that his letter has called for a serious conversation about nuclear disarmament leading to, “new concrete steps toward abolishing nuclear weapons and ending the nuclear threat once and for all”. Archbishop Wester reminded us of the Pope Francis famous tweet, “The use of nuclear weapons, as well as their mere possession, is immoral”.

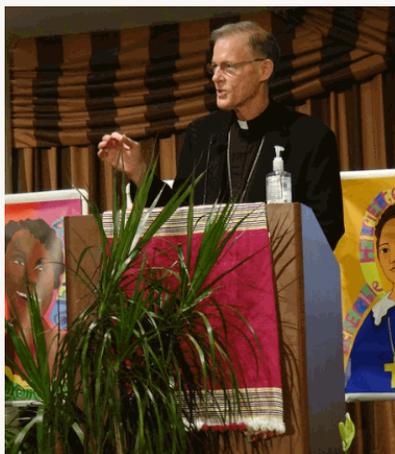


Our Saturday morning plenary included a cross-generational dialogue with Cathy Crayton, Marie Dennis, Christina Leaño, Megan McKenna, Shannen Dee Williams, Christina Leaño,



Megan McKenna, Shannen Dee Williams, and Lauren Bailey, facilitated by Roxana Bendezu. Their discussion included shared views on racism with an eye on Pax Christi's work with anti-racism and views on the need for reparations. Reparations with apologies as well as financial. They spoke of a need for historic education and an honesty about the origins of injustice. Shannen Dee Williams reminded everyone that the history of black racism is the history of the Catholic Church. Pax Christi was mentioned by all the panel members as a spiritual home.

Remember Carrie, our friend from dinner and newest (and so far, only) "Michigan Satellite" member? Several of us were delighted on Saturday when we found ourselves in Carrie's workshop. Her group presented on the evils of the *Doctrine of Discovery*. This is a religious document that promoted the racist policy that took land from indigenous settlers and gave it to new "discoverers".



Archbishop John Wester



Hundreds in attendance



Marie Dennis and Bishop Stowe

Sunday morning brought excitement as, **Marie Dennis** was named a **Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace**. Marie proclaimed that she is "thick with hope, for we are on the threshold of a new way of being, a new paradigm, a new logic for life. It will not depend on weapons of war but on right relationships, a commitment to inclusive human dignity and respect for the integrity of creation".

We fully took part in the Closing Liturgy. Pax Christi's own **Bishop John Stowe** was very upbeat with his encouraging words about the treasury that our hearts hold, being built up with prayer, study, and action. He reminded us that "It is too easy to respond in kind to ugliness and violence; but that cannot be our way." Bishop Stowe charged us to "call each other to greater integrity as people of peace whose light shines forth through a prism of peace".

A major highlight of Sunday was seeing **Pax Christi Michigan Coordinator, Mary Hanna**, installed as an **Official Ambassador of Peace**. This is a great honor and only goes to an extraordinary and experienced leader within the Pax Christi USA community.

The weekend ended with a march to the Pentagon to protest the bloated military budget.

**The entire conference, from beginning to end, was a beautiful and unforgettable experience.**

-- by Marianne Bernard, PCM State Council

\*A copy of Archbishop Wester's complete Pastoral Letter may be obtained from Pax Christi USA





The Conference ended with a march and protest at the doors of the Pentagon: Pax Christi in ACTION!



There are HUNDREDS of great photos from this weekend. To see them all, go to <https://paxchristiusa.org/2022/08/23/save-the-date-pax-christi-usa-celebrates-50-years-at-the-national-conference/> and scroll down to the photos links



**Pax Christi Michigan congratulates Mary Hanna for being recognized as an Ambassador of Peace.**

*This is an official designation of extraordinary and experienced leaders within the Pax Christi USA community who serve as living embodiments to our community and beyond of what it means to live a life rooted in the "peace of Christ". They are chosen for the contributions they have made in preaching, teaching, and practicing gospel nonviolence, peacemaking, anti-racism, reconciliation, and justice. Ambassadors are commissioned to represent our movement through ongoing outreach efforts. They promote the mission of Pax Christi USA through word and witness, sharing our programs and campaigns with new audiences, serving as our representatives in coalitions, and generally carrying the message of Pax Christi USA wherever they go.*





Pax Christi Michigan's  
**40<sup>th</sup> Annual State  
Conference**

# CELEBRATING PEACE!



*featuring*

**Johnny Zokovitch**

*Executive Director-Pax Christi USA*

**With a Special PCUSA Award to  
Bishop Tom Gumbleton**

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**Sts. SIMON AND JUDE CHURCH  
Westland, Michigan**

## JOHNNY ZOKOVITCH'S PRESENTATION AT OUR 40TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Johnny's first words of wisdom to us began: "Today we are celebrating peace, and our power is in our people. There are 3 things we, as people of peace, are celebrating that are key to our movement: **DISCIPLESHIP, RELATIONSHIPS, and COMMUNITY.**"

Johnny shared a delightful story of an experience he had at age 16 when he moved to Florida that explained his first strong understanding of the meaning of **DISCIPLESHIP**. At that age, moving to a new school and city was "tough times." The two pillars in his life at that time were Jesus and the sport of baseball. As a teen, he had already formed a close relationship with Jesus. He prayed a lot during those days of loneliness and adjustment. Jesus and baseball were his saving graces during that time. He read an article in Sports Illustrated on a lonely night in the spring of 1985, featuring a story about a little-known player, Sidd Finch. The article detailed the mysterious lifestyle of Sidd, as "part-pitcher" - who could throw a 168-mph fastball - and "part-yogi" - dedicated to meditation and his practice as a Buddhist after going to India. The article described Sid as being able to play the French horn beautifully, and that he looked like Disney's Goofy when he threw the ball. Johnny spent the night reading, praying and crying; wanting, in his 16-year-old mind, to have that devotion and passion, like Sidd, to follow his Jesus and also be able to play baseball. And he was determined to meet Sidd, who was at the Mets training camp in a nearby town. When his mother came into his room to see why his light was still on, she found him upset & crying: He shared with her all that was on his heart and his strong desire to go see this amazing young man. She calmed him and said they would talk about it in the morning, and then she took the magazine so she and Johnny's father could read it. The next morning, Johnny's father, who had read the article, was kind and gentle when he pointed out to Johnny the date of the magazine, April 1st. Yes, it was the **April Fool's Day hoax** edition, written by George Plimpton!

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After much laughter from Johnny and the Pax Christi Michigan audience, Johnny broke into a song and reminded us that often, people who practice peace and follow the nonviolent Jesus are deemed “weirdos and odd”, and that as we celebrate 45 years of Pax Christi Michigan and 50 years of Pax Christi USA, we need to remember those “peculiar” followers of Jesus, those Cloud of Witnesses, who were and are counter-cultural and have a strong discipleship to Jesus. He invited us to say their names aloud, including our own, and continue our *own* way of being a “peculiar” follower of the nonviolent Jesus.

Pax Christi is a movement built on **RELATIONSHIPS**. Johnny invited us to think about who and how we were invited into Pax Christi. He named a young friend, Becky String, whom he met while living in a Catholic Worker House in Florida. She invited him into Pax Christi. Like a ripple in a pond, that invitation led to him meeting and befriending so many peace activists and learning from them. He named familiar historic names as well as current folks. But his main focus was realizing the importance of building trusting, open, and sincere relationships with people in our local or state Pax Christi groups.

Johnny is often asked “how do we get more ‘young people?’” and he suggests inviting them and investing in relationships with them. Many of us have grandchildren or know young people in our parishes or neighborhoods. Befriend them! Accept them. Listen to them. “Young” people activists and “old” activists from the early days of the peace movement have so much to offer one another. PCUSA is starting a new “pairing” program which sounds similar to the “Nones and the Nuns” initiative. Michelle Sherman, a young woman who works with PCUSA, was present to share information about this program. It was exciting and hopeful to hear! And, even though most of the participants at the conference were over 60, several young adults graced this day with their presence and participation. Johnny, at the ripe old age of 53, has the enthusiasm, joy, passion, and the desire to continue reaching out and building relationships and he challenged us to do as well. He reminded us that “we all are part of the Peace of Christ.” Johnny ended this portion of his presentation by breaking into another song. He has such a lovely voice, and everyone joined in.

From the natural flow of relationships comes **COMMUNITY**. We all participate in a variety of “communities”: families, work, parishes, book clubs, volunteer committees, and more. However, the communities of Pax Christi are called to be “washers of feet”, which requires vulnerability, spiritual intimacy with one another, trust and “common-union” with one another. He reminded us of the challenges and how hard it can be to follow Jesus but he shared examples of how important and vital community is to Pax Christi with the examples of Bonhoeffer’s witness, the Berrigans, and Dorothy Day, the tradition of Base Communities in suffering countries, the many examples of women and men in Religious Orders, and those who dared to ask “radical” questions to “the Church” concerning the “radical” Jesus. He reminded us of the historical time when the Catholic Church hierarchy took a turn towards culture and power rather than following the visible and credible witness to the Gospel Jesus. He named the times when Pax Christi International and Pax Christi USA took stances and supported farm workers, the Civil Rights Movement, Nuclear Weapons Disarmament, ending the Death Penalty, curtailing Racism, eliminating Hate of all descriptions, and currently pursuing the possibility of denouncing the Just War Theory while teaching Nonviolence as part of our church’s doctrine. And he reminded us that, while Pax Christi is the “arm” of the peace movement in the Catholic Church, we are called, not to be (“big C”) Catholics, but (“little c”) catholic practitioners.

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Then Johnny broke into another, final song and we all joined him! He exuded energy and enthusiasm, deep joy and deep faith, and a sincere passion for peace and justice with the Pax Christi values of **Prayer, Study** and **Action** as his guideposts.

**May we also be guided by those values as we strive towards nonviolent, just living during these very challenging times!**

- By Gloria Switzer, PCM Council Member

# Conference PHOTOS!



**We have *MANY* more photos from the day...  
See them all on the *PCM Website!***



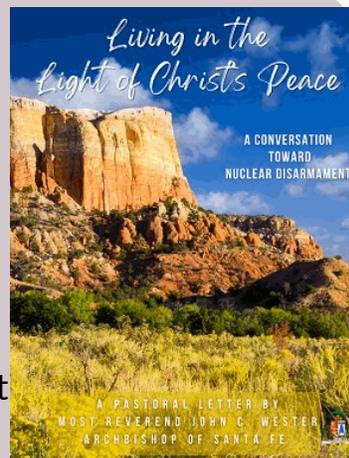
# LOCAL GROUP HAPPENINGS

## Pax Christi Lansing

Members of **Pax Christi Lansing** are meeting to review and discuss Archbishop Wester's Pastoral Letter, "**Living in the light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Towards Nuclear Disarmament.**" The letter may be read online at

<https://archdiosf.org/living-in-the-light-of-christs-peace>

or purchased from Pax Christi USA in book format at <https://paxchristiusa.3dcartstores.com/>



## Pax Christi West Michigan

Pax Christi West Michigan members are gathering in person for the first time since the pandemic, and making plans for their future. How wonderful to see them together again!



**Pax Christi Members**  
Rick & Nancy Peters are working with the *Coalition for Community Development*

### Pax Christi Michigan Community Prayer

Beautiful prayers, one for each day of the week

A foundational approach embraced by Pax Christi is the method of "Prayer, Study, Action." In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul says we should "pray without ceasing." Charles de Foucauld was impressed with the sincerity of Muslims praying five times each day, and it deepened his own faith. And, Emmanuel Charles McCarthy says compellingly, "(Brazilian Bishop) Dom Helder Camara rises each morning at 2:00 A.M. to pray. Dorothy Day has probably written as much on prayer in her column in the Catholic Worker as on any other subject. Yet, despite the example and unequivocal exhortations of the best of the best, the Catholic peace movement does not seem to possess a prayer life consistent with the gravity of the evil it is confronting. It is almost as if it were trying to carry on its war against the powers of darkness with one of its most potent weapons in mothballs."

Accordingly, we invite members of Pax Christi Michigan to join us by reciting a prayer for each day of the week on a continual basis. Thus, the prayers of our community of peacemakers may together "rise like incense" in the words of Psalm 141.

We encourage you to recite the daily prayers privately, and as opportunities arise, to do so communally in the midst of meetings, peace actions, or in support of others involved in specific events or actions.

**Go to the PRAYER page of the PCM Website for the complete prayer packet**



## Ending Mass Murders Now

As we observed Memorial Day 2022, we could not ignore the reality that more Americans died this year, in fact in the last two weeks, in the horror of mass shootings committed by fellow Americans than in combat deaths in foreign wars. As the nation prepared to honor those who died in wars, the racist shooting in Buffalo followed by the mass murders of 19 fourth graders and two of their teachers in Uvalde, overshadowed the meaning of the holiday.

What is wrong with our culture? We have allowed two teenage mass murderers to desecrate a holiday period set aside to recall those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. But, worse, we repeatedly heard from the news that nothing would be done politically to address the causes of the carnage.

And, carnage is an appropriate word for these events. We have repeatedly heard over the last few days that DNA samples were needed from some Uvalde parents because the remains of some children are unrecognizable. I was talking about this over the weekend to a former prosecutor who confirmed the gruesome destructiveness of the AR-15, especially on the small bodies of children.

We also have heard from those in favor of inaction, that we should focus on the mental health of the mass murderers. If we take a few moments to escape this foolishness, what we urgently need to learn is what has perverted so many adults who claim to be leaders from taking a set of changes in law that other democracies have taken to reduce the likelihood of mass shootings.

As if to advertise a core source of the reason we don't curb violence, on the day of the Uvalde shooting at home we received a reelection flyer from John Moolenaar (our current member of the House). The flyer asserted he was fighting for **our** values. The first of the four he listed was being "100% pro-life." The last was "protecting the second amendment." I presume this is a list of values similar to those identified by so-called conservatives across rural America. But it is time those of us who find mass shootings abhorrent to call for a halt to such campaigning.

The Uvalde shooting, as all the other recent mass shootings, strike at the real 'pro-life' beliefs all of us need to share. We can hardly think without tears in our eyes of all the wonderful contributions to our world the 19 fourth graders in Uvalde would have made, Of course, there also are the contributions their teachers had been making for many years, exemplified of course by them dying while being with their beloved children. Focusing on this horrendous loss of life, illuminates the hollow thinking of so called 'pro-life' politicians, excusing inaction on gun control by irrelevant references to the 2nd Amendment.

We must demand honest reform to end the violence. Regulating access to weapons of war, such as AR-15 styled firearms, is not an issue related either to hunting or the 2nd Amendment. Hunters don't need AR15's for their ancient sport. The 2nd Amendment, as its text begins, is about "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state." Surely law can distinguish between citizen soldiers needing a weapon and mass murderers wanting to slaughter.

Similarly, politicians who use references to their faith being about the sanctity of life while defending unregulated gun access need to be confronted by faith leaders about their selective reading. All the faiths that use the Abrahamic scriptures start their teachings by forbidding killing (the 5th of the 10 Commandments). Catering to the mindless defense of gun deregulation, trivializes the rules of the faith that orders us not to kill and, for Christians, trivializes the faith's founder who told us explicitly to turn the other cheek and warned those who live by the sword will die by it.

The time for change must be now. It does not matter if we are Republicans or Democrats, we must use the 2022 elections to purge ourselves of all politicians who believe we must allow ownership of weapons that can tear apart a child's body sufficiently to make it unrecognizable to parents. Likewise, it is the responsibility of politicians and voters of all political persuasions to cease tolerating stupid calls to arm teachers. In Uvalde, we saw clearly that unarmed teachers are far braver and do as much as armed police when confronted by a crazed gunman with an AR-15.

It is utterly disrespectful of teachers who in repeated cases have shown they are prepared to die trying to protect their students to add a stupid argument that they should have had a revolver and have killed the kid with a weapon of war. All who value life, must insist that in this year's elections we will not support irresponsible politicians corrupted by support from weapons lobbyists. This should be a pro-life election, where that label finally means we will only support politicians pledged to end the terror of weapons of war in our communities' schools and streets.

There can be no excuses in 2022. Candidates must pledge to support a comprehensive set of gun elimination policies, as well as support for mental health services and all other possible reforms to end mass killings. Protect our children and their teachers or drop out of the race. Do not dare to deceive us with misuse of the words pro-life, while valuing guns over the lives of our children. It is an abomination to say the 2nd Amendment requires policies that promote killing children.

--By Ed Lorenz, PCM Council Member



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## PCUSA/PCM Membership JOIN or RENEW NOW!

I believe that "peace is possible" and want to join Pax Christi USA – also giving me regional membership in Pax Christi Michigan:

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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The regular membership fee for Pax Christi USA is \$40 per year—more if you are able—or whatever you can afford. We rely on the generosity of our members. Please consider enclosing a membership contribution to Pax Christi USA for:

\_\_\_\$40 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_other  
 At this time I can only contribute \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

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### Pax Christi Michigan...

- Meets the 4th Saturday of January/April/July/October from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Any PCM member may attend as a non-voting participant. ©
- Working committees include: Finance, Membership, and Technology.
- If you are interested in attending a meeting or serving on the State Council, please let us know, or contact us if you have any other questions.

