

PITTSBURGH PROPHET

NEWSLETTER OF ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH PRIESTS

JANUARY 2023



Our World in Peril ~ An Urgent Conversation

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:30 via Zoom

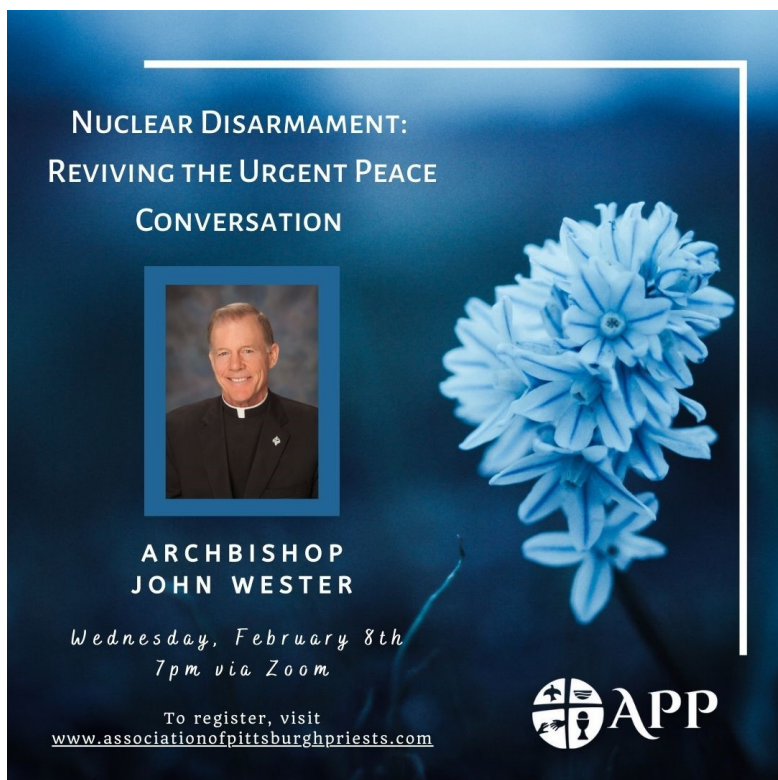
“We can now kill billions of people instantly and even destroy the world in a flash.” (from his Pastoral Letter)

Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe will share his concerns after his visit to Hiroshima and Nagasaki and after struggling with the reality of New Mexico, poorest state in the US with the largest nuclear weapons production— much of both in his Archdiocese.

Join us to share in the conversation!

To prepare:

1. Listen to “President Kennedy’s Peace Speech” at American University, June 10, 1963 (Just Google it!)
2. Sign the online petition: www.NoNukesWesterSpeaksForUs.org
3. Sign another online petition: www.ABetterPncBnk.org



Follow Up: Share your thoughts & concerns:

“Nuclear Disarmament Conversation – Let’s Talk!”

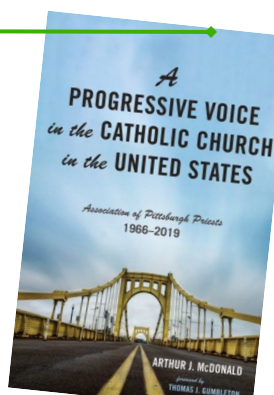
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7 pm, same Zoom link.

Art McDonald: back by popular demand

History and Significance of APP - 60 years after Vatican II

Thursday, February 2, 2023, 7 pm via Zoom

Sign up to join the discussion on APP’s Home page.



It’s TIME!

Renew your APP Membership TODAY – \$25 each:

mail to the address below OR do it online!

Consider a [Plus Gift](#) to aid APP’s efforts!

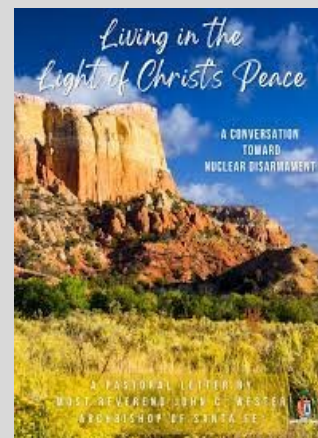
For details, check our winter mailing.

Join or Renew Your Membership



Visit the APP website:

- ⇒ See the 2023 APP Impact
- ⇒ Follow developments in Synodality locally and around the world
- ⇒ Download your pdf copy of Archbishop Wester’s Pastoral Letter, *Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace*



- ⇒ View Maureen Crossen’s presentation highlighting Pope Francis’ rationale for the Vatican II Eucharistic Rite from his summer letter

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FEBRUARY, 2023



Working for Racial Justice in Pittsburgh


Join us as we hear about initiatives for narrowing the racial gap in our city and ways we can be supportive of the Black leaders working for change..

Register today on our Home Page !!


HOW TO STAND WITH GOALS OF THE PITTSBURGH BLACK COLLECTIVE

Kathy Wilson Humphrey, PhD

Wednesday, March 8th
7pm via Zoom



President of Carlow University



To register, visit www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com



Nuclear Disarmament

The APP follow-up conversation after the presentation by Archbishop Wester generated a list of

Suggested Actions

&

Resources

Available on the APP website. Check them out!

Casey Stanton, Discerning Deacons



Plans for St. Phoebe Day, 2023

Goals:

- Pray for the global synod
- Celebrate women's diaconal gifts for ministry
- Witness to the "critical and urgent" need to "rethink women's participation" in the Church

<https://discerningdeacons.org/>

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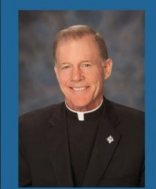
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In Case You Missed It

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT:
REVIVING THE URGENT PEACE
CONVERSATION

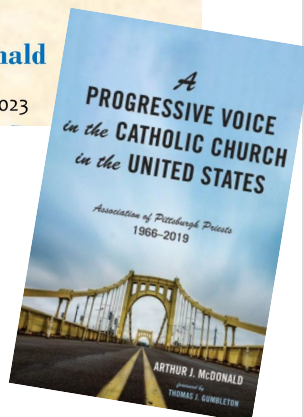


ARCHBISHOP JOHN WESTER
&
JAY COGLAN
(Nuclear Watch New Mexico)

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BOTH
PRESENTATIONS
AVAILABLE



now on our website: RESOURCES Menu

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MARCH, 2023



Enrich Your Holy Week Experience!

Scripture scholar, social activist, and vibrant speaker, **Ched Myers** will enrich you week with his insight & passion!

Public Liturgy & Liberation

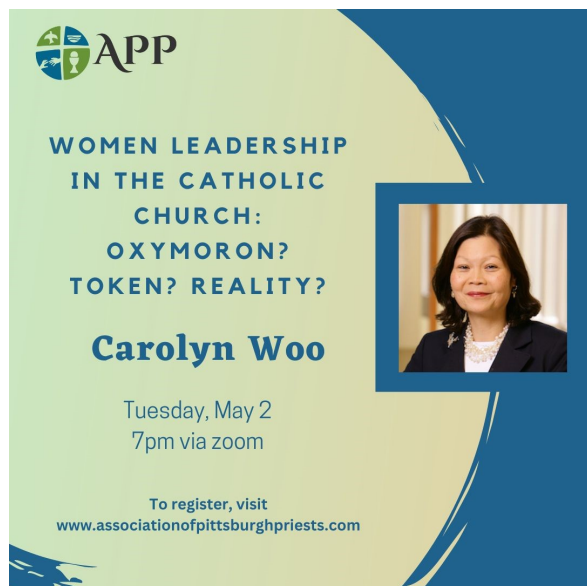
Join us on
Tuesday,
April 4,
7:00 PM
via Zoom.

Register
on our
website
today.



Treat yourself to a spirited evening!

~ **Coming soon** ~



PA Death Penalty Moratorium

The APP Board of Directors approved a letter to Governor Josh Shapiro commending him for continuing the Moratorium on our state's Death Penalty. We were especially heartened that, after speaking to families of the Tree of Life victims who opposed the death penalty, the Governor announced that he wants to ban capital punishment in our state permanently. **This demands legislative action.**

Write to your PA Representative to encourage voting for this ban.

Opportunities

Special Collection

Syrian Earthquake Victims

We are torn by the plight of these people in the midst of unbelievable tragedy and largely abandoned both by the Turkish and Syrian governments.

APP Board Members pledge \$1,450 and invite you to join us for a substantial contribution to relief efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Caritas International.

We invite you to join us!

Contribute by

- a check mailed to our address below.
- an online gift at our website's "Donate" button – top left of Home Page.
- a contribution directly to Catholic Relief Services.



Way of the Cross...Way of Compassion

A Public Procession of Prayer through Wilkinsburg



Commemorate Christ's Passion and Death ...
continuing in our world today

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Begin at St. James Church

(718 Franklin Avenue • Wilkinsburg)



Organized by Pax Christi Pittsburgh &
St. Mary Magdalene Social Justice and Peace Committee

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APRIL, 2023



Women in Catholic Leadership - Tuesday, May 2

Register Today: APP Website

 **WOMEN LEADERSHIP
IN THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH:
OXYMORON?
TOKEN? REALITY?**

Carolyn Woo

Tuesday, May 2
7pm via zoom

To register, visit
www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com

~ **SPECIAL: Coming June 1** ~

Fr. Michael Joncas

Eucharistic Spirituality –
Celebration, Contemplation, Mission

Thursday, June 1 via Zoom

 *In Eagle's Wings*

Register:
www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com

From “Desiderio Desideravi,” Pope Francis’ Letter on the Eucharist

“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.” (Lk 22:15) These words of Jesus, with which the account of the Last Supper opens, are the crevice through which we are given the surprising possibility of intuiting the depth of the love of the persons of the Most Holy Trinity for us.

Before our response to his invitation — well before! — there is his desire for us. We may not even be aware of it, but every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by his desire for us. For our part, the possible response — which is also the most demanding asceticism — is, as always, that surrender to this love, that letting ourselves be drawn by him. Indeed, every reception of communion of the Body and Blood of Christ was already desired by him in the Last Supper.

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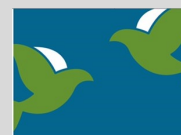
Syrian Earthquake Victims

APP Board Members contributed \$1,450 to relief efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Caritas International.

Against Gun Violence



Fr. Bernie Survil & Sr. Barb Finch in the midst of lobbying in Harrisburg for a curb on guns and the violence they cause, an event sponsored by CeaseFire, Pittsburgh.



Wonderful Presentations — *in case you missed them*

Ched Myers: **After Palm Sunday, Public Liturgy and Liberation**, a spirited presentation of the Palm Sunday symbolism and why it sparked Jesus’ death.

APP Website, Resources Menu (1st item)

James Martin, SJ, **A Welcoming Church—Jesus’ Style of radical acceptance.**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish website, coming soon!

Two LGBTQ Presentations

Saturday, April 15, 6-8 pm: Fr. Bryan Massingale receives the Bishop Kettler Award, Sisters of Divine Providence.

Thursday, April 27, 6 pm: Potluck Social with presentation by Deacon Keith Kondrich on the Greatest Commandment.

St. Joseph the Worker, St. Maurice Campus,
2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills.

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~ **SPECIAL: Coming June 1** ~

Michael Joncas: Eucharistic Spirituality

Register today for the Zoom link!

Composer of “On Eagles Wings,” “Our Blessing Cup,”
“You are Mine,” and many other hymns.



Eucharist: Jesus' earnest desire to feed us so we grow as his Mystical Body by our loving service.

CCOC Monthly Masses

Join CCOC for these deeply spiritual, lively liturgies.

Next one: **Sunday, May 14** – where APP's Paula Nettleship will share her reflections.

Duquesne University Chapel, 1:00 PM – in-person & live streamed

<https://youtube.com/live/o9mGbJU-gLo?feature=share>

WONDERFUL PRESENTATIONS now available on APP Home Page

Carolyn Woo: Women Leadership in the Catholic Church

Progress and challenges to women in leadership in our Church

Ched Myers: Public Liturgy & Liberation

Jesus' powerful symbolic acts challenging religious & political oppression



Friday, August 25

APP Annual Meeting

An evening beginning at 5:00 of comradery, some business, and relaxation with friends.

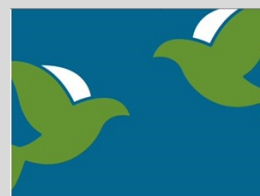
Details coming soon.

~ **Book Discussion** ~

Playing God: American Catholic Bishops and the Far Right, Mary Jo McConahay

July 11, 18, 25 (1:00—2:15 pm)

The book explores how a cadre of conservative Catholic bishops have pushed the American Church away from the mainstream and the humane teachings of Pope Francis, and into the toxic operations of the Religious Right.



Special Collection

Syrian Earthquake Victims

Members of the APP Board, as a special Easter donation, have contributed \$1,125 towards relief for Syrian refugees who have been devastated by the recent earthquake. The Board has also approved \$500 to be donated directly from the APP, for a total of \$1,625 to be sent to Catholic Relief Services/ Caritas.

We encourage you too to donate either to CRS or an organization of your choice that is aiding Syrian refugees/earthquake victims.

Address for CRS:

P.O. Box 5202, Harlan, IA 51593-4702

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Save the Date

APP Annual Meeting

Friday, August 25, 2023, 5:00 pm (rain or shine)



Chatham Hall

(formerly known as Bigham House)

655 Pennridge Road ♦ Mount Washington (15211)

Dinner ♦ Brief Business Meeting ♦ Socializing ♦ Info/tour of Historical Site

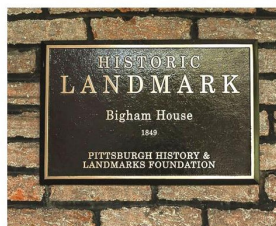
Bigham House is the only stop on the Underground Railroad in Allegheny County.



Dinner: in addition to ordered food, attendees are invited to bring something to share

Business

- ⇒ Elect the APP Board
- ⇒ Approve proposed amendments to our Constitution (mailed beforehand to Members)
- ⇒ Brief updates from some committees



Socializing: catching up with old friends

Bigham House's History with optional tour



APP at the Pride March

The cancellation of the CCOC Liturgy in support of LGBTQ Catholics and their families prompted APP members to show their respect for the God-given dignity of our gay sisters and brothers at this June's Pride March. APP was also well represented at the All Are Welcome Liturgy at Word of God Church (St. Joseph the Worker Parish) that was scheduled after the previous cancellation.



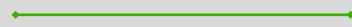
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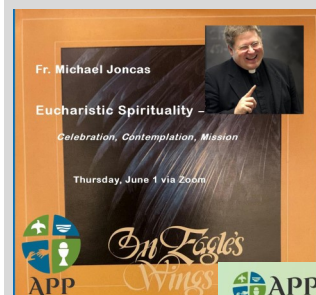
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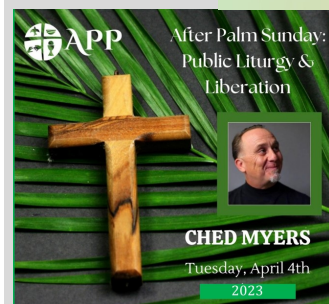


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WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: OXYMORON? TOKEN? REALITY?

Carolyn Woo

Tuesday, May 2 2023



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Tuesday, April 4th 2023