

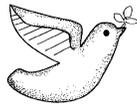
Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY):

PCMNY was founded in 1983 and is a regional section of Pax Christi USA (PCUSA), a member of the international Catholic peace movement dedicated to Gospel nonviolence and Catholic social teachings on peace and justice. It is also an agency of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of New York.

The PCMNY Mission Statement expresses that we should strive to be...

Rooted in Gospel nonviolence and Catholic Social Teaching, Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY) educates and advocates for peace and social justice locally and globally through prayer, study, and action.

Pax Christi's Approach to Peacemaking is Contemplative, Informed Active, and Celebratory.



Prayer: As people of faith, our peacemaking must be centered in the Spirit. The community of PCMNY strengthens itself in the Spirit by organizing:

- *A Good Friday Way of the Cross*—Hundreds of Christians gather to pray a contemporary Stations of the Cross, witnessing to the body of Christ as it is torn and crucified today.
- *An Annual weekend retreat* to challenge and nurture participants in their commitment to Christian nonviolence.
- *An Annual 40-day Fast* for Christian nonviolence
- *Weekly Bulletin Inserts* that relate each Sunday's scripture readings to contemporary living
- *Liturgies* for solidarity with those who labor for peace

Study: Waging peace demands an understanding of the complex world in which we live. We are committed to educating our community and ourselves in a variety of ways. We host noteworthy speakers and thought-provoking discussions at annual events:

- *UN International Peace Day*
- *Fall Assembly*
- *Human Rights Day/Holy Innocents*
- *Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial*

We offer workshops and other educational programs to parishes and schools:

- *First Steps: A Christian Conflict Resolution Process*—Rooted in scripture, *First Steps* helps participants develop nonviolent conflict resolution skills.
- *From Conflict to Common Ground*—A program similar to *First Steps* for students in Catholic high schools
- *Seventy Times Seven*—A workshop on forgiveness
- *Just War/Just Peace*—A high school program that explores responsible citizenship, patriotism, and service in light of various faith teachings on war and peace

And we invite members to visit our

- Book and video *lending library*

Action: As Christians, we must act concretely and deliberately toward the Reign of Peace by advocating for the protection of human dignity through economic and political justice and an end to all forms of violence. Some of our regular activities include:

- *Ash Wednesday Leafleting* to inspire penitents to reflect on personal and communal violence, to repent and be transformed
- *An Action Alert Network*—E-mail for those who want to be notified of opportunities to stand up and speak out for peace and justice in our communities, nation, and world

- Participation in *Coalition* with other peace organizations

Celebration: In a world filled with conflicts, it is important to remember that we are a Resurrection People and so we not only work hard to resolve conflicts, but we also celebrate the joy of our mission with:

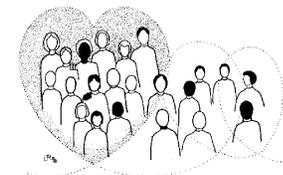
- *Peacemaking through the Arts*—a performing arts event to brighten up a winter day
- *A Peacemaker Awards Reception* to honor both adult peacemakers and high school-aged young peacebuilders
- *A Picnic* to build community and just have fun

Other ways through which we pray, study, act, and celebrate:

- Our website: www.nypaxchristi.org
- Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Pax-Christi-Metro-New-York>

We also offer parishes throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York the opportunity to become partners in building peace. We join in interfaith and ecumenical efforts for peace, as well. And we work in neighborhoods of our local groups, congregating as citizens dedicated to improving our communities.

PCMNY collaborates with other Pax Christi regions, Pax Christi USA, and Pax Christi International at the United Nations.



Pax Christi Metro New York Response Form

Won't you join us in a movement which St. John Paul II called "precious"?

Become a *PCMNY Supporter* with a donation of \$35 or more.

Pastors, join as a *Parish for Peace* for a donation of \$100 or more.

Heads of Religious Congregations, join as a *Religious Order for Peace* for a donation of \$100 or more.

Please send your donation to PCMNY with the response form on the next panel of this brochure.

You can also get involved by:

Volunteering in our office

Joining one of four Committees:

- Development (fundraising)
- Education (programming)
- Finance (fiscal management)
- Witness (public prayer and action)

Sharing your special skills on the PCMNY Board, the administrative body of PCMNY.

About PCUSA: Grounded in the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, Pax Christi USA (PCUSA) is a membership organization that rejects war, preparation for war, every form of violence and domination, and personal and systemic racism.... We are a Catholic peace and justice movement that seeks to model the Peace of Christ in our witness to the mandate of the nonviolence of the Cross.

About Pax Christi International: Founded at the end of WWII for reconciliation between France and Germany, PCI now has 120 Member Organizations active in more than 50 countries worldwide that work to promote peace, respect for human rights, justice, and reconciliation.

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- I enclosed a tax-deductible donation of \$_____ to support the work of PCMNY.
- Please add my name to the e-mail list.
- I am interested in volunteering at the PCMNY office.
- I am interested in joining a committee.
- I am interested in joining a local PCMNY group.

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“Peacemaking
is not an optional commitment...
it is a requirement of our faith.”

-US Catholic Bishops
The Challenge of Peace

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an alternative
to violence,
a bridge
to justice