

## Info Alert 204

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“Living, speaking and acting without violence is not surrendering, losing or giving up anything, but aspiring to everything.” Pope Francis’ April Intention, 2023

### Non-Violence

On the 60th Anniversary of Pope St. John XXIII’s encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, Pope Francis urges everyone to pray and work for a non-violent culture that promotes peace. Pope Francis released a video accompanying his intention. Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRNI2BrATVI>

As urban violence increases and nations decimate each other in war, we live in a country and a world that desperately longs for peace. Non-violence rests on five pillars according to Mahatma Gandhi: 1) respect 2) understanding 3) acceptance 4) appreciation and 5) compassion. We can all strive to make these a part of our daily living. Pax Christi has published a Vow of Nonviolence. See it here: <https://paxchristiusa.org/resources/vow-of-nonviolence/>

### Racial Justice

Martin Luther King, Jr. preached these principles. He lived and died by them. The video you will see is the story told by an 80-year-old activist, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland. As a young child, she saw firsthand the harm caused by racism and dedicated her life to working for change. Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3TekGAXmQw>  
When you hear or see something you know is wrong, say something.

### Ban Assault Weapons

We have all just witnessed the tragedy in Nashville, Tennessee, where three 9-year-olds and three adults lost their lives at the hands of an irrational young woman who had access to assault weapons. Please sign the petition from Moms Rising asking Congress to ban all assault weapons. We know numbers matter. Please vote if you can. [https://action.momsrising.org/sign/Gunglorification\\_AWB2023/?akid=18435.3151183.xkem-v&c0=Gunglorification\\_AWB2023.GCWrgn&nosig=1&rd=1&](https://action.momsrising.org/sign/Gunglorification_AWB2023/?akid=18435.3151183.xkem-v&c0=Gunglorification_AWB2023.GCWrgn&nosig=1&rd=1&)

### Hope for Haiti: CARITAS for Children

In Haiti, CARITAS For Children’s ministry support is to the first indigenous congregation of the Little Sisters of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (PSST). CARITAS For Children works with the Little Sisters to help provide hope and encouragement to ease the desperate situation of daily life in Haiti. CARITAS has a child sponsorship program in six locations in Haiti including two orphanages and six primary schools where the Little Sisters of St. Therese provide for the academic, spiritual, and nutritional needs of these children. In Haiti, CARITAS For Children mainly focuses our attention to support the sisters in their ministry for the impoverished people living in the Port-au-Prince Archdiocese.

### Invitation

Does anyone have a heart for social justice? If your heart aches when you see the suffering of our brothers and sisters, perhaps you might consider joining our Social Justice Committee. We meet three times a year at Camilla Hall. If interested and would like more information, contact Sister Joyce Bell, [ihmsocialjustice2@gmail.com](mailto:ihmsocialjustice2@gmail.com)

### Prayer Against Violence

God, I lift my prayer to you, the Prince of Peace. I pray against violence in all its forms. I pray for peace in people’s hearts. I pray against the anger, distrust, and hatred that breeds violence against individuals, groups, and countries. I pray this in the great name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

### Actions

1. Honor Earth Day, April 22, by being attentive to your LS action.
2. Pray for an end to violence in our cities and around the world.
3. Our Congregation has joined Sisters Against Human Trafficking. Look for more information coming soon.