Pacem in Terris

Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton
April 5, 1979
PROGRAM

Welcome..................................Frank Fessler

A Prayer of Reconciliation............(see insert)

Liturgical Dance/Prayer...............(see insert)

Presentation of the 1979 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award on behalf of the Quad-Cities Peace and Justice Coalition presented by Andrew R. Edelen Jr., past president of the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council

Introduction.....................Bishop Gerald O'Keefe
Diocese of Davenport

"THE ARMS RACE: A DILEMMA FOR CHRISTIANS"

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton
Diocese of Detroit

Reception........Second floor, Galvin Fine Arts Center
A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Leader: Let us pray for the amendment of our lives, acknowledging our neglect of oppressed neighbors in our own communities...

People: FORGIVE US, GOD, AND HELP US TO CHANGE.

Leader: For being so involved in our everyday lives that we fail to offer anything of ourselves to your people throughout the world who suffer so intensely...

FORGIVE US, GOD, AND HELP US TO CHANGE.

Leader: For being passive before the forces of economic exploitation and racism...

FORGIVE US, GOD, AND HELP US TO CHANGE.

Leader: For acquiescing in a national budget which goes on testifying that peace and justice are poor investments, giving priority to building bombs over providing bread for your hungry people...

FORGIVE US, GOD, AND HELP US TO CHANGE.

Leader: For the times in our lives when we confuse luxuries with needs, living extravagantly rather than simply, when a simple lifestyle would allow your people to share more fully in the goods of the earth...

FORGIVE US, LORD, AND FILL US WITH YOUR SPIRIT. HELP US TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE OPPRESSED BY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS. HELP US TO WORK WITHOUT CEASING FOR THAT JUSTICE WHICH BRINGS TRUE AND LASTING PEACE. ENLIVEN OUR HEARTS, SO THAT IN US AND THROUGH US, YOUR LOVE MAY FILL THE WORLD.
PEACE PRAYER

John Foley, S.J.

1. Lord, make me a means of Your peace.
   Where there's hatred grown, let me sow Your love,
   Where there's injury, Lord, let forgiveness be my sword.

2. Lord, make me a means of Your peace.
   Where there's doubt and fear, let me sow Your faith.
   In this world's despair, give me hope in You to share.

3. Lord, make me a means of Your peace.
   When there's sadness here, let me sow Your joy.
   When the darkness nears, may Your light dispel our fears.

4. Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
   Less to be consoled than to help console,
   Less be understood than to understand Your good.

5. Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
   To receive love less than to give love free,
   Just to give in Thee, just receiving from Your tree.

6. Lord, grant me to seek and to share:
   To forgive in Thee, You've forgiven me;
   For to die in Thee, is eternal life to me.

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PACEM IN TERRIS AWARD

The Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom award was created in 1964 to honor the person of Pope John XXIII, and to commemorate the publication of his 1963 encyclical "Pacem in Terris", which proclaims the inseparable connection between freedom, equality and peace in the lives of all people. The Pacem in Terris award was formerly presented by the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council which disbanded in 1976.

The award has been presented previously to:

1976: Mother Teresa of Calcutta
1975: Archbishop Helder Camara
1974: Senator Harold Hughes
1972: Dorothy Day
1970: Rev. Jesse Jackson
1969: Saul David Alinsky
1968: Father James Groppi
1967: A. Philip Randolph
1966: R. Sargent Shriver
1965: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
1964: John F. Kennedy (posthumously)
   John Howard Griffin

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore."

-- Isaiah 2:4 --
THE QUAD-CITIES PEACE AND JUSTICE COALITION is composed of the local chapters or affiliates of:

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: a Christian citizens' movement in the United States which seeks government policies that address the basic causes of hunger. Members of several hundred local groups contact elected public leaders about specific public policy issues that vitally affect hungry people.

CLERGY AND LAITY CONCERNED: a nationwide interfaith network of persons called to social action by religious faith or ethical principles. CALC was founded in 1965 to mobilize opposition to American intervention in Southeast Asia. Today, CALC seeks to inspire people to challenge and change government and corporation policies that oppress people personally, politically, or economically.

PAX CHRISTI, USA: the international Catholic peace movement founded after World War II, which now has chapters in most European countries, in Australia, and in the United States. Pax Christi is a broadly based coalition of Catholics and others of good will who are committed to the belief that Christian non-violence must become a central concern of both the Church and the international community.