

PACEM IN TERRIS  
PEACE  
AND FREEDOM  
AWARD

*Tuesday, April 9, 2019*



DAVENPORT, IOWA



## His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama

His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism. He was born in 1935 to a farming family in a small hamlet located in Taktser Amdo, Northeastern Tibet. At the age of two, he was recognized as the reincarnation of the previous 13 Dalai Lamas. At age fifteen, on November 17, 1950, he assumed full temporal political duties.

In 1959, following the brutal suppression of the Tibetan national uprising in Lhasa by Chinese troops, His Holiness was forced to flee to Dharamsala, Northern India, where he currently lives as a refugee. He has lived in exile for 60 years in northern India, advocating nonviolently and steadfastly on behalf of the Tibetan people for preservation of their culture, language, religion and well-being. China views the Dalai Lama as a threat to its efforts to control Tibet and Buddhism.

He was awarded the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent efforts for the liberation of Tibet and concern for global environmental problems. On Oct. 17, 2007, the Dalai Lama received the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, our country's highest civilian honor.

His Holiness has traveled around the world and spoken about the welfare of Tibetans, the environment, economics, women's rights and nonviolence. He has held discussions with leaders of different religions and has participated in events promoting inter-religious harmony and understanding.

*"The world doesn't belong to leaders. The world belongs to all humanity."*

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**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

Christopher Clow

**WELCOME**

James Loftus, PhD  
Vice President, Enrollment Management  
St. Ambrose University

**OPENING PRAYER**

Mary Bea Snyder, CHM

**HISTORY OF PACEM IN TERRIS AWARD**

Kent Ferris  
Director of Social Action  
Diocese of Davenport

**LITANY HONORING PAST RECIPIENTS**

St. Ambrose University Students

**BIOGRAPHY OF THE RECIPIENT**

Joyce Singh and Judith Lee

**REFLECTION ON THE AWARD PRESENTATION**

Most Rev. Thomas Zinkula, JD, JCL  
Bishop  
Diocese of Davenport

**REMARKS**

Barb Arland-Fye  
Editor  
*The Catholic Messenger*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Jason A. Mahn  
Associate Professor, Religion  
Director, Presidential Center for Faith and Learning  
Augustana College

*Please join us for a public reception  
immediately after the ceremony.*

# 2019 PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD

is presented to

## His Holiness the Dalai Lama

by Bishop Thomas R. Zinkula of the Diocese of Davenport and the Pacem in Terris Coalition of the Quad Cities in light of your lifelong commitment to peace and justice.

You have worked tirelessly for peace and justice and advocate for human dignity for all in Asia.

The coalition recognizes your vision and your commitment to human rights, world peace and the nonviolent resolution of conflict. It is clear from your words and deeds that you are a person who is deeply rooted in the spirit of peace. Your leadership in promoting respect for the dignity and culture of the Tibetan people fills all oppressed people with hope that peace can overcome injustice.

Your Holiness, you truly embody the words of Pope John XXIII in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* as a “spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying leaven” to your sisters and brothers around the world.

Given on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, India.

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The Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award was created in 1964 by the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council. Since 1978, the award has been presented by the Quad City Pacem in Terris Coalition. The award honors Pope John XXIII and commemorates his 1963 encyclical letter, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), which called on all people to secure peace among all nations.

### **THE 2019 PACEM IN TERRIS**

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTORS**

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# PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD

**John F. Kennedy** awakened in us a hope that no problem was too great to conquer—race relations, violence or poverty—when citizens work together. (1964, posthumous presentation)

**John Howard Griffin's** powerful book, *Black Like Me*, showed us how we are too often judged not by the content of our character but by the color of our skin. (1964)

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** challenged us to dream of a world transformed through nonviolent civil rights activism. (1965)

**R. Sargent Shriver**, first director of the Peace Corps, taught us that one person can indeed make a difference. (1966)

**A. Philip Randolph's** efforts to organize railway employees convinced us that the dignity of work must be rewarded with a just wage. (1967)

**Reverend James Groppi** awoke people to the injustice of unfair housing and racial prejudice in Milwaukee. (1968)

**Saul Alinsky** taught people how to organize and to act together in promoting justice in society. (1969)

**Dorothy Day** founded the Catholic Worker Movement and reminded us to look for Christ in the faces of the poor. (1972)

**Harold Hughes** brought the message of the Gospel to the cause of equal education, civil rights and opposition to capital punishment. (1974)

**Dom Hélder Câmara**, gentle shepherd of the poor of northwestern Brazil, embraced the impoverished and gave sharp prophecy to the wealthy. (1975)

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta** gave hope to the desperate and offered light to those living in abject poverty. (1976)

**Bishop Thomas Gumbleton** challenged church leadership to embrace nonviolence instead of the just war theory. (1979)

**Crystal Lee Sutton** organized labor in the South and reminded us that equal work demands equal pay. (1980)

**Bishop Ernest Unterkoefler** advocated for the rights of workers and helped to buoy the labor movement among the poor in Appalachia. (1980)

**George Kennan**, statesman and diplomat, realized that the only hope for solving the world's problems lies in abandoning violence. (1982)

**Helen M. Caldicott**, Australian physician and peace advocate, spoke on behalf of the world's children in the face of possible nuclear holocaust. (1983)

**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin** through his notion of the “consistent ethic of life” and the “seamless garment” taught us that all life is God-given and therefore precious. (1985)

**Bishop Maurice Dingman** through his love for the land worked for peace and justice and reminded all of us of our roots in the soil. (1986)

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu** has helped free South Africa from the yoke of apartheid, teaching the entire world that racial injustice is sacrilege. (1987)

**Eileen Egan** through her work with Pax Christi and Catholic Relief Services addressed the world’s problems through missionary zeal and creative nonviolence. (1989)

**Mairead Corrigan Maguire**, peace advocate in Ireland, has become a global force against violence in the name of religion. (1990)

**María Julia Hernández** directed the Human Rights Committee and spoke for the victims of the long civil war in El Salvador. (1991)

**Cesar Chávez** led the United Farm Workers to become a passionate voice for workers who have long been disenfranchised. (1992)

**Daniel Berrigan, SJ**, American poet, peace activist and Catholic priest, has offered powerful witness on behalf of peace and justice. (1993)

**Jim Wallis**, founder of the Sojourners Christian Community, has brought people of faith to espouse radical social engagement. (1995)

**Bishop Samuel Ruiz** has lent great courage to his fight against violence and injustice inflicted against the poor and oppressed of Chiapas, Mexico. (1996)

**Jim and Shelley Douglass**—the only married couple to receive the award—have been steadfast in their efforts to build a world of peace based on justice. (1997)

**Helen Prejean, CSJ**, through her loving presence on death row has fostered reconciliation and spiritual healing. (1998)

**Adolfo Pérez Esquivel** has inspired the world with his Gospel-rooted work on behalf of Argentina’s “disappeared ones.” (1999)

**Monsignor George Higgins** wove together communities of faith and organized labor to support economic justice. (2000)

**Lech Walesa**, defender of the rights of workers in the face of Communist repression in Poland, has become a global leader for freedom and democracy. (2001)

**Dorothy Marie and Gwen Hennessey, OSF**, sibling sisters and Dubuque Franciscans, have devoted their lives and ministry to local activism on global issues of peace and justice. (2002)

**Arthur Simon**, founder of Bread for the World, has shown how one person can make a difference alleviating world hunger. (2004)

**Don Mosley** of Jubilee Partners has served others by offering hospitality to refugees, housing for the homeless and mediation to situations of war. (2005)

**Bishop Salim Ghazal** has worked with Muslims and Christians to promote reconciliation, peace and hope for young people and others displaced by Lebanon's civil war. (2007)

**Monsignor Marvin Mottet** devoted his life to walking the two feet of social action: direct service and social justice. (2008)

**Hildegard Goss-Mayr** is one of the world's leading experts on nonviolence, a teacher, visionary and pioneer who helped forge a new path toward peace on earth for all humanity. (2009)

**Reverend John Dear, SJ**, a Jesuit priest, has delivered the message of the nonviolent Jesus in word and deed in confronting nuclear arms manufacturing and use. (2010)

**Bishop Álvaro Leonel Ramazzini** has drawn the world's attention to the exploitation of natural resources by multinational companies adversely affecting the poor and indigenous people of Guatemala. (2011)

**Kim Bobo**, Executive Director and founder of Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ), has educated a nation about the prevalence of wage theft and injustice that disproportionately affects the poor amongst us. (2012)

**Jean Vanier**, religious and moral leader, philosopher and writer, is best known as the founder of L'Arche and strives to build caring relationships which foster the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities so they have a sense of belonging in the world. (2013)

**Simone Campbell, SSS**, raises awareness about social and economic transformation through the advocacy of NETWORK, a social justice lobby. (2014)

**Venerable Thích Nhất Hạnh**, a Vietnamese Zen Buddhist Master, teacher, author and peace activist, honored for his lifelong commitment to peace and for his inspired, dedicated work to bridge Eastern and Western spiritual traditions. (2016)

**Rev. Gustavo Gutiérrez Merino, OP**, a theologian and Dominican priest, is recognized as a prominent figure in Latin American Catholicism. His 1971 book "A theology of Liberation" led many to view him as the founder of liberation theology. (2016)

**Widad Akreyi, PhD**, is a health expert, author and human rights activist. She works tirelessly for Peace and Justice and advocates for human dignity for all in the Middle East. (2017)

