

The Work of Pax Christi

A GCSE Religious Studies Resource for:

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Edexcel: Specification B 4.2

Lesson Objectives

What: To learn about the work of Pax Christi—the international Catholic peace organisation.

How: By examining stories of how Pax Christi members work for peace

You will need

- Slideshow: The Work of Pax Christi
- Pax Christi Quiz
- Pax Christi Member Profiles

Starter

Think: Should Christians work for peace?

Work in pairs to decide if you think the following statement is true [Slide 2]

Christians should work for peace.

What evidence can you think of to support your answer?

Main Activities

Pax Christi—the International Catholic Movement for Peace

[Slide 3] In this lesson we will look at the work of one Christian organisation which believes that work for peace is fundamental to life as a Christian. [Slide 4] Pax Christi—the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

What is Pax Christi? [Slide 5]

[You will need copies of the quiz sheet from the teacher's pack]

The students will watch a short presentation about the history of Pax Christi [Click **PLAY** to start]. At the end they are given three minutes to complete the quiz. If time allows you may wish to play the presentation a second time to give students a chance to fill in their missing answers as they watch again. Click **ANSWERS** to reveal the solution.

How does Pax Christi work for peace? [Slide 26]

[You will need copies of the Pax Christi Member Profiles from the teacher's pack]

Students start in groups of four with the members of the group numbered 1 - 4.

All students with the same number then gather in a given place in the room to study one of the four Member Profiles. They answer the questions on Slide 27. They have ten minutes to do their research before re-joining their original group and, using their notes, reporting their findings.

Plenary

Peacemaking Priorities

Having studied the work that Pax Christi does for peace [Slide 28] students are invited to reflect on the four areas of *Campaigning, Education, Solidarity, and Prayer* and answer the question [Slide 29]:

What do you think is the most important area of Pax Christi's work and why?

[Slide 30] You can find more information about Pax Christi - including how to get involved in its work - online.