What they say about Pax Christi...

"This year we used Pax Christi's 'Follow Me - The Way of the Cross' booklet. This wonderful little booklet is a brilliant resource for groups and communities, offering prayers and reflections taken from the writings of Blessed Franz Jägerstätter." - Glasgow Catholic Worker

“It did my soul good to come today and meet with you all. I feel so very connected to J&P and nonviolence issues for many, many years, sometimes I think, not even able to put a 'name' to my views. Thank you for arranging the wonderful teaching experience.” - Participant after nonviolence workshop, Liverpool

"I recently bought packs of your Easter cards and loved the stained glass window pictures of Christ on the cross and of Resurrection. I would like to use these images for a Holy Week reflection booklet I am preparing for my Church. Thank you anyway for the beautiful cards and for all the work you do." - Pax Christi member, Essex

"We decided two or three years ago that we would only ever send the ‘Song of the Angels’ Christmas card as the message was so powerful! We want to order 100." - Pax Christi members, Banbury

“The Ash Wednesday liturgy and demonstration goes from strength to strength and is a wonderful testimony to so many people’s preparatory work.” - Member, Southampton

I do think that Pax Christi is a remarkable organisation, acting very much in the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth. (I enclose a cheque for £100 to help your work). - Supporter, Yorkshire

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Campaigned against the International Arms Fair, London Docklands, September 2017

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Pax Christi Annual Report 2017-2018

This has been ‘a year of living dangerously’. Reckless world leaders keep everyone on edge with their sabre-rattling, missile testing, war games on the Korean border, trade wars between the US and China, and downright childish bullying and name-calling. Tragic wars go on in Syria, Yemen, and as I write the Gaza-Israel border has erupted again. Where do we find hope in all this?

Three things come to mind. I was in the US on 24 March 2018 when the global ‘March for our Lives’ demonstration took place. Events were taking place around the world, and young people came to Washington D.C. from all over the US to be part of a movement for change in American gun laws. For many of them it was the first time to be part of an organised protest. It won’t be their last – and they will soon be eligible to vote for meaningful change.

On 4 April, the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King was commemorated, and his thrilling ‘I Have A Dream’ speech was featured as part of his legacy. Even though racism is alive and well in America (and other countries), and police brutality continues to this day, Dr King reminds us to never give up on the dream - where all people can live in harmony, dignity and mutual respect.

Closer to home, support for Pax Christi continues to grow and thrive. Nearly one in four parishes in England and Wales contributed to Peace Sunday last year. We ran 80+ education workshops to reach out to young people with the peace agenda. Our two most popular Christmas cards sold 10,000 between them! The online shop really got off the ground. A gathering of Pax Christi members in Scotland was very successful and ended with a call for a Pax Christi Scotland. All of this and more gives us hope for Pax Christi’s future.

Thanks to a generous legacy and a successful Peace Sunday, our finances are in good shape. Pax Christi celebrated 35 years of the Christian Peace Education Fund, at a memorable gathering in November, capturing many years of engaging and creative work. Direct support for peace education can be made to the CPEF to help fund our own and other peace education initiatives, via Justgiving and text giving.

Our strategic review is well underway and progress is being made on our five strategic aims. You will hear more about this during the coming year.

Finally, a word of thanks to all our volunteers - from the office team to the Executive Committee and President Archbishop Malcolm McMahon - for their time and skills. Also thanks to our dedicated staff - all of whom give above and beyond of their time. May the peace of Our Lord be with you all!

Holly Ball

Pax Christi Executive and Staff

President: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
Chair: Holly Ball, Vice-Chair: Chris Cole, Treasurer: Joe Burns, with Emma Atherton, Helen Gilbert, Jan Harper, Paul McGowan, Laura Allerton, and Ann Farr (co-opted).

In the office: Pat Gaffney, General Secretary, Fausta Valentine, Administrator, Matt Jezierski, Youth and Schools, Peter Hickey, Publications and Member Support, with Valerie Flessati, Editor, and volunteers: Lauri Clarke, John Dowbekin, Nuala Flynn, Peter McNamara, Rebecca McLaughlin, Ann Milner, Jackie Coleman, Sr Monica O’Brien, and many more who help with mailings and events.

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**Highlights of our work 2017-2018**

We have no faith in war... or nuclear weapons

In 2017 London yet again played host to one of the world’s largest arms fairs and Pax Christi coordinated a No Faith in War day of prayers, nonviolent actions and blockades the week before the event, and an interfaith vigil on the eve of the fair. Writing to the Evening Standard we highlighted the juxtaposition of young people killed in gun crime in East London that week and the most lethal weapons being displayed and sold down the road. Making such connections is part of our peace-making work.

Meanwhile, the persistent work of many, through the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) - of which Pax Christi is a member - was rewarded when at the United Nations 122 states voted in favour of a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Pax Christi has strong UN presence as an NGO. With the Network of Christian Peace Organisations (NCPO) we produced and distributed effectively of the need to condemn the threat and Disarmament in November, hearing Pope Francis speak and the most lethal weapons being displayed and sold down the road. Making such connections is part of our peace-making work.

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Nonviolence works! ...and is growing too

At home and internationally this work flourishes. Seminars in Leeds, Liverpool, Birmingham and London on the theme Nonviolence Works, with Marie Dennis, International Co-President of Pax Christi and Maria Stephan from the United States Institute of Peace, powerfully brought home the effective and transforming power of nonviolence. Religious congregations seem especially open to learning more about and supporting this work, encouraged by the practical, nonviolent witness of many religious in the global south. We also co-convene an international working group on the power of active nonviolence, drawing on experience from Sudan, Colombia, Kenya and beyond, front-line stories that are contributing to our Catholic Nonviolence Initiative work with the Vatican. Our ‘Nonviolent Jesus’ prayer cards are a popular teaching tool.

**Peace Education - Eyes on the Prize**

Ella Holliday from St Bede’s Catholic High School, Lytham, has received the Jimmy Mizen Award for Peace for her work as a Young Peace Journalist, a project of Pax Christi International. After training, Ella interviewed a 22-year-old refugee from Aleppo, Syria. Ella is also a school Anti-Bullying Ambassador and interviewed a 22-year-old refugee from Aleppo, Syria. Ella is also a school Anti-Bullying Ambassador and proposed to the governors that St Bede’s become a Pax Christi School. The popularity of our INSET programme means that more teachers are benefitting from time spent reflecting on the value of peace and justice education for Christian educators and Catholic schools.

An innovative ‘Faith in Action’ Day in the Northampton Diocese is a particular source of pride—with Pax Christi, the diocesan youth team, and a school coming together to host an inspirational and vibrant justice and peace conference. It is a model that can and is being adapted and imitated elsewhere.

The Pax Christi year in numbers

- 46 news stories in church press & web-media
- 1051 messages sent to Pope Francis for International Women’s Day
- 155 orders processed via online shop
- 13,000 cards sold for Christmas
- 81 education workshops held in 11 dioceses
- 550 parishes raised £102,125 for Peace Sunday
- £44,460 received in legacies
- 500 attended events in our ‘Nonviolence Works’ programme
- £16,000 raised by Arundel & Brighton diocese for Peace Sunday
- 1585 people saw our Facebook prayer after Manchester attack

Our members in action

Encouraged by Fleur Brennan, Westminster Cathedral Primary School, London, created an artwork for Peace Sunday. Each class made a 3D paper candle, writing on it the name of a country from which refugees have had to leave. These were presented on a 3D display of a road and the words ROAD to PEACE along it as well as a picture of a dove.

We celebrated two peacemakers, Nan Saeki from York and the Rev G Nagase from the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Order, at our Annual General Meeting. Their steadfast work, including prison visiting, peace pilgrimages, anti-nuclear campaigning and serving peace and fairtrade movements, inspires all who meet them.

Christine Green helped organise a Hiroshima peace vigil at the parish church in St Neots (see right). Pax Christi literature was displayed, and they finished by reading the meditation on the Nuclear Age from the Pax Christi liturgy resource.

The Pax Christi Liverpool group took part in a lunchtime vigil in December, for Prisoners for Peace day. They ran a stall in a square surrounded by Liverpool University buildings and invited students passing by to send messages of encouragement to conscientious objectors imprisoned around the world.

Marion Pallister from Scotland wrote of a gathering of Pax Christi members in Scotland. “It was a testament to how important we felt this ‘exploration’ could be that delegates travelled from the Borders, from Aberdeen, and from Argyll, as well as from many parts of the central belt. Some were rooted in the anti-nuclear campaign, others in Catholic Social Teaching that seeks, as Pope Francis has reminded us, to move towards a holistic nonviolent society. On the day, it became clear that the majority shared the idea that Scotland has its own identity, its own culture, and its own picture of peace. We wanted a Pax Christi Scotland.”

**Parishes and Peace Sunday Events**

Looking back over the past year we have seen plenty of imaginative ways that our members have hosted an event or taken on a stall. In the run-up to Peace Sunday we received 113 orders for our materials (36 of these were made via our online shop) and there were over 2000 hits to our Peace Sunday webpage. During the year 25 stalls were held at various events where members took the initiative to be present and share the work of promoting who we are and what we offer. These raised £3,623. Special thanks to the JBP group at St Philip’s in Finchley. For the past four years their Pax Christi Christmas stall has raised an average of £500. We are always delighted to assist members in promoting Pax Christi at events. Why not have a browse online or get in touch with us if you’re thinking about holding a Pax Christi stall or event?