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Nuclear disarmament will avoid obliteration of humans

Bishop John C. Wester

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Six armed nuclear weapons were unwittingly flown across the country and four high-tech electrical fuses for Minuteman nuclear warheads were mistakenly sent to Taiwan. These recent revelations raise our awareness of the dangers inherent in the continuing presence of our country's arsenal of nuclear weapons.

Hopefully, such mishaps inspire an exacting tightening of procedures. It is also an opportunity to challenge the policy of maintaining such a redundant number.

I would like to add a religious perspective to the detailed proposals made by a number of leading national security experts and endorsed recently by Utah's former Sen. Jake Garn and Professor John Bennion ("Curbing the global threat," Opinion, May 24).

In his Jan. 1 World Day of Peace message, Pope Benedict XVI referred to the danger of nuclear weapons in paragraph 14: "Humanity today is unfortunately experiencing great division and sharp conflicts which cast dark shadows on its future. Vast areas of the world are caught up in situations of increasing tension, while the danger of an increase in the number of countries possessing nuclear weapons causes well-founded apprehension in every responsible person.

"In difficult times such as these, it is truly necessary for all persons of good will to come together to reach concrete agreements aided at an effective demilitarization, especially in the area of nuclear arms. At a time when the process of nuclear non-proliferation is at a stand-still, I feel bound to entreat those in authority to resume with greater determination negotiations for a progressive and mutually agreed dismantling of existing nuclear weapons. In renewing this appeal, I know that I am echoing the desire of all those concerned for the future of humanity."

These remarks built on his 2007 World Day of Peace statement: "Another disturbing issue is the desire recently shown by some states to acquire nuclear weapons. This has heightened even more the widespread climate of uncertainty and fear of a possible atomic catastrophe. We are brought back in time to the profound anxieties of the 'cold war' period. When it came to an end, there was hope that the atomic peril had been definitively overcome and that mankind could finally breathe a lasting sigh of relief.

"How timely, in this regard, is the warning of the Second Vatican Council that 'every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and humanity, which merits firm and unequivocal condemnation.' Unfortunately, threatening clouds continue to gather on humanity's horizon.

"The way to ensure a future of peace for everyone is found not only in international accords for the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, but also in the determined commitment to seek their reduction and definitive dismantling. May every attempt be made to arrive through negotiation at the attainment of these objectives! The fate of the whole human family is at stake!"

Both of these statements have roots in the 1963 papal encyclical by Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth). The Catholic tradition on war and peace is a long and complex one, reaching back to the Sermon on the Mount. At the center of the church's teaching are the transcendence of God and the dignity of the human person.

Each human life is sacred; modern warfare threatens the obliteration of human life and thus the need to speak out.

In their 1983 document, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," the United States Catholic Bishops stated that peacemaking is not an optional commitment but a requirement of our faith.

"We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus." Twenty-five years later, those pleas are even more appropriate. For believers, our faith can give us hope and hope can be a resource for action and a source of strength in this demanding cause.

In my second year of living here, as I learn more of the devastating health effects on many Utah citizens living downwind of our nation's Nevada nuclear test site, I believe that our state should be a leader in promoting public policy that leads to the end of nuclear weapons development and the total elimination of existing nuclear weapons.

I thank all those who have spoken out and I pray that more Utahns will add their voices to the effort to abolish nuclear weapons.

* MOST REV. JOHN C. WESTER is bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City.

Read more about what you can do about this alarming issue inside this week's bulletin



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Nuclear Disarmament: Please stop in the Gathering Space after Mass today to sign three copies of a letter asking for the end of nuclear weapons development and the total elimination of existing nuclear weapons. Copies will be sent to U. S. leaders: President George W. Bush, Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama.

Recognizing fully that what we ask means major change away from present U. S. policy, we nevertheless do ask. We are bound to do so by all that is right and just, by our shepherds Pope Benedict XVI, our bishop John C. Wester and Jesus of Nazareth.

If the wording of the letter does not suit you, please do write a letter of your own. We must all have the courage to express to our country's leaders that this is the time for change. Together we will be heard!

Dear President George W. Bush, Senator John McCain, and Senator Barack Obama,

We are members of St. Ambrose Parish in Salt Lake City, Utah. Knowing of your allegiance to Jesus Christ, we ask you in His name to stop development and production of nuclear weapons. In the spirit of "ask and you shall receive" we ask that you do all in your power to end the world-wide nuclear arms race. Ocean-sized aquifers of longing and love exist for those who undertake this task. We believe that god will vastly empower you in this work. Please lead us to a nuclear-free planet.

Sincerely...

Stewardship: "Hearts are the strongest when they beat in response to noble ideals." *Ralph Bunch, American Winner of Nobel Peace Prize.* A noble ideal is to support the Catholic Church of Utah by contributing to its Foundation. Please call Jennifer Carroll @ 456-9306 for assistance.

Early Morning Mass: Father Gally will be celebrating Mass at 6:00 am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays during July for those early risers who want to attend daily Mass. *(There will be no 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday or Thursdays until after July 25th. There will be a Communion Service in the Absence of the Priest conducted by one of the Deacons in the Church at 7:00 am)*

Mass Schedule Change: During the September and October, Father Gally will be making Mission Appeals on behalf of his Diocese in India in other Parishes. Since there will be many weekends when there will only be one priest in the Parish, we will continue the current Mass Schedule through the months of September and October. **Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 and 11:00 am every Sunday at least through the month of October.** If we find that the two Masses become over crowded, we will resume the original Mass schedule. *(Saturday Masses will continue to be celebrated at 5:00 pm)*

**Religious Education Registration:**

If you have not yet registered your child for the 2007-2008 Religious Education classes, you may do so now. Children in public school, grades 1-8, meet in classes from 9:45 -10:45 am on Sunday mornings. All children 3, 4, or 5 years old by

September 1, (even if they are attending J. E. Cosgriff School on weekdays), are invited to be part of the Religious Education's pre-school classes. Please call Pam or Carolyn @ 485-9324.

Interested in Catholicism or Missed a Receiving a Sacrament? If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or how to receive a missed sacrament, please call Pam @ 485-9324 for more information. The RCIA Process will begin in September 2008. **We will need Sponsors** for our new RCIA candidates and catechumens who will begin their journey into the Catholic Church next Easter.

Infant Baptisms: The next infant baptism class will be held on Sunday, August 3rd. If you want to have your baby baptized at St. Ambrose during August, you will need to see Father Bill before attending the class. Please call Father Bill **after July 28th** @ 485-5610 to schedule an appointment to meet with him.

Father Bill on Vacation: Father Bill will be on vacation until July 25. If you need to speak to a priest, or in the event of an emergency sick call or a death, please contact Father Gally @ 647-7367 or the Parish Office at 485-5610.

Father Gally's Vacation: Father Gally will be leaving on vacation to India on August 3rd through September 3rd. If you need to speak with him before he leaves for that month, please do so in the next couple of weeks. His schedule is very busy as he completes his final few weeks of Clinical Pastoral Education at the Veteran's Hospital.

Please Pray for the following sick persons: Dorene Bailey, Jack Ballow, Mary Bischoff, Robert Blair, Sarah Burchett, Charlene Chapman, Cliff Christiansen, Michael Coffey, Antonia Corak, Adam Corwell, Virginia DeMarco, Lillian Driscoll, Cameron Durst, Lorriane Earl, Kathy Downs Ellison, Emanuel and Annette Floor, Anne Fortun, Ines Fowler, Linda Fuller, Andy Gallegos, Roberta Gammons, Lorraine Gerzewski, Guadalupe Haubert, Bonnie Held, William Howard, Robert Jenkins, Jeanne Kaufman, Vivian Kooyman, Pam Lewis, George McCord, Vince McDonald, Terry McOmber, Susan Neville, Gary Newport, Kelley O'Dell, Wendy Pullett, Joette Patterson, Theresa Pietramali, Ruthanna Rougelot, Estelle Sain, Eva C. Smith, Frank Mayo Smith, Yelva Smith, Sherman Snowball, Joe Stoddard, Marie Suchyta, Amelia Tedesco, Kellie Thompson, Elizabeth Tobinski, Ann vanHorssen, Lisa Vomar and Scott Zeberlein.

Come join the Religious Education Staff!

Catechists are needed. We currently are looking for help from September through May from 9:45 am– 10:45 am in the classroom setting on Sunday mornings. Basic catechist formation training is free and can be completed as your schedule permits. Call Pam in the Office of Religious Education @ 485-9324.

50/60 Anniversary Commemorative Parish Photo Directory:

The parish will be doing another photo directory this year. The directory will be free of charge for everyone who has a picture taken for the book. All parishioners who participate will receive a free 8X10 photo. Pictures will be taken downstairs in the Social Hall from September 22 through October 7. *Note: There is no cost to the parish for the directories and the parish receives no financial benefit from your optional purchases; you are under no obligation to buy any photos.* Appointments will be scheduled for your photograph session in the Gathering Space after Masses beginning in August.

E-Mail Updates: If you would like to receive occasional information from the Parish via email, please update your contact information by filling out one of the sheets at the end of the pews. Just drop off the form in one of the boxes at the Church entrances. We hate spam as much as you do, so we promise not to flood your inbox or share your email address.



Vacation Bible Camp Lost and Found:

Did your child attend VBC? We have all sorts of items that may belong to you. Lunch boxes, hats, craft projects, etc. Please visit Pam in the Vaughan Center Monday-Thursday, between 9:00 am and

3:00 pm to recover your treasures!

St. Patrick's Parish Festival Days: Enjoy Food, Silent Auction, Raffle, Games & Prizes! August 1 - 5:00 pm-10:00 pm. August 2 - 3:00 pm-10:00 pm. Located at 1048 West 400 South.

NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Registration cards are at entrances. Fill one out & drop in it the collection basket or you may mail it to the rectory office.

J. E. Cosgriff School

Pre-School Teacher For Two Year Olds Needed:

Cosgriff School is seeking a teacher for the two year old program. Must be certified in Early Childhood Education.

Please contact principal Betsy Hunt @ 486-3197 or 486-6933.

There are openings in the 3 year old pre-school program and in the kindergarten.. If you are interested, please call the school office @ 486-3197.

The school office will be closed for the month of July. However, you may leave a message and Mrs. Hunt will be picking up messages and returning calls.

49er's Club: Save the date- Breakfast in Sugarhouse Park will be August 10.

Volleyball Coordinator needed for St. Ambrose/Cosgriff next fall season. Organize teams, coaches, coordinates playing times. This is a great way to get your parent hours and make it possible for children to play volleyball. Please call Catherine Villareal for details @ 583-9966.

Club Vision provides lunch, musical entertainment and reading for anyone who is legally blind in the Salt Lake Valley. Volunteer readers and/or musicians are needed. A couple of hours weekly or monthly is all it takes to make a huge difference. Call Susie @ 262-3769 for more information or to volunteer.

Eagle Scout Project: Parishioner and Boy Scout Troop 202 member Danny Sayre is conducting his Eagle Scout Project over the next few weeks. He is collecting books and toys for the children at The Road Home. Your help in this worthy project would be very welcome. There will be a designated box in the Gathering Space beginning next weekend for you to put your donations. Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions last week \$7,135

Thank you for your generous support

JULY 20, 2008



Sat. 7/19 5:00 pm - Special intentions of
Sun. 7/20 Vince McDonald (his family)
9:00 am - Lyle Nash (Michael Votta)
11:00 am - Helmut & Helene Schirmer
(Mariclare Klein)
Mon. 7:00 am - Maria Koska (MariclareKlein)
Tues. 6:00 am - Special intentions of Brian Reagan family
(Mariclare Klein)
7:00 am - No Mass-Communion Service
Wed. 7:00 am - Ada Roper (Peter Meldrum family)
Thurs. 6:00 am - Special intentions of Mariclare Klein
(Joe & Angela Duricy)
7:00 am - No Mass-Communion Service
Fri. 7:00 am - Reagan/Hammer families (Mariclare Klein)
Sat. 7/26 5:00 pm - Jose V. Azarcon (Toto & Lulu Olivera)
Sun. 7/27 9:00 am - Jennie Weeks (Marron/Austin families)
11:00 am - Deborah Holly (Joe & Angela Duricy)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FOR NEXT WEEK,
JULY 26TH & 27TH

5:00 pm: Lector-Kathy Kreuter. E.C.M.-Howard Wright,
Catherine Wright, Kathy Frappier. Altar Servers-Henry
Garcia, Sam Garcia, Ellie Harmston.

9:00 am: Lector-Richard Sievers. E.C.M.-John Steffen, John
Panos, Richard Sievers, Mary Jo Marker. Altar Servers-
Matthew Shiramizu, Rachel Shubella.

11:00 am: Lector-Linda Itami. E.C.M.-Dean Betenes, Jo
Divver, Jennifer Williams, Linda Itami. Altar Servers-Delaney
Mapstone, Victoria Steinau.

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is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are
aware of abuse, or have been abused by clerics, Church volunteers or
Church workers, contact the Division of Child and Family Services @
1-800-678-9399. For pastoral assistance contact the
Diocesan Pastoral Center @ 328-8641.



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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

WEEKDAYS:

7:00 am

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Saturdays 3:30 pm-4:30 pm
(or by appointment)

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