

Next in the Series: Living the Gospel: Contemplation and Action

January 26, 2019, Church of the Resurrection

*"Living the Gospel" is a 2018-2019 Adult Faith Formation Series
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This series of retreats, workshops and discussions brings the Gospel to bear on our daily lives. The topic of nonviolence is heavily on the minds of people in the church, given internal and external developments that impact local, national and international communities. The workshops include opportunities to appreciate the power of contemplation as a dimension of the Gospel -- *"What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action. – Meister Eckhart*

"The true strength of the Christian is the power of truth and love, which leads to the renunciation of all violence. Faith and violence are incompatible." – Pope Francis

January 26—Living the Gospel: Pope Francis and Nonviolence

9:30am – 12:30pm

*Amadeo Room, Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Road
Burtonsville, Maryland 20866*

The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, a project of Pax Christi International, affirms that active nonviolence is at the heart of the vision and message of Jesus, the life of the Catholic Church, and the long-term vocation of healing and reconciling both people and the planet. This bold effort was launched at the April 2016 conference in Rome, *Nonviolence and Just Peace: Contributing to the Catholic Understanding of and Commitment to Nonviolence*, jointly organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Pax Christi international. But how can we live nonviolently in a violent world?

This half-day session will examine the writings of Pope Francis on nonviolence with special attention to an appeal to the Catholic Church, following the Rome conference, to re-commit to the centrality of Gospel nonviolence. Its final statement outlined several initiatives including a call to continue developing Catholic social teaching on nonviolence to reflect the Gospel., integration of Gospel nonviolence explicitly into daily life, including the sacramental life; and the Gospel nonviolence work of the Church through dioceses, parishes, agencies, schools, universities, seminaries, religious orders, voluntary associations, and others; and to promote nonviolent practices and strategies.

Presenters: Marie Dennis, Co-President of Pax Christi International and Kevin Carroll of Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns. **Facilitator:** Veronica Fellerath-Lowell, St. John the Baptist Pax Christi and a member of Pax Christi USA's National Council. (For more background, please visit <https://nonviolencejustpeace.net>.)

There is no fee for participation. Registration recommended, but not required.

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