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FINALLY, GROW STRONG IN THE LORD, WITH THE STRENGTH OF HIS POWER. PUT GOD'S ARMOR ON SO AS TO BE ABLE TO RESIST THE DEVIL'S TACTICS. FOR IT IS NOT AGAINST HUMAN FOES THAT WE HAVE TO STRUGGLE, BUT AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTIES AND THE POWERS WHO ORIGINATE DARKNESS IN THIS WORLD; THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENS.

SO STAND YOUR GROUND, WITH TRUTH BUCKLED AROUND YOUR WAIST, AND INTEGRITY FOR A BREASTPLATE, WEARING FOR SHOES ON YOUR FEET THE EAGERNESS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF PEACE AND ALWAYS CARRYING THE SHIELD OF FAITH. AND THEN YOU MUST ACCEPT SALVATION FROM GOD TO BE YOUR HELMET AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD FROM THE SPIRIT TO USE AS A SWORD. PRAY ALL THE TIME. ASKING FOR WHAT YOU NEED, PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT ON EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION.

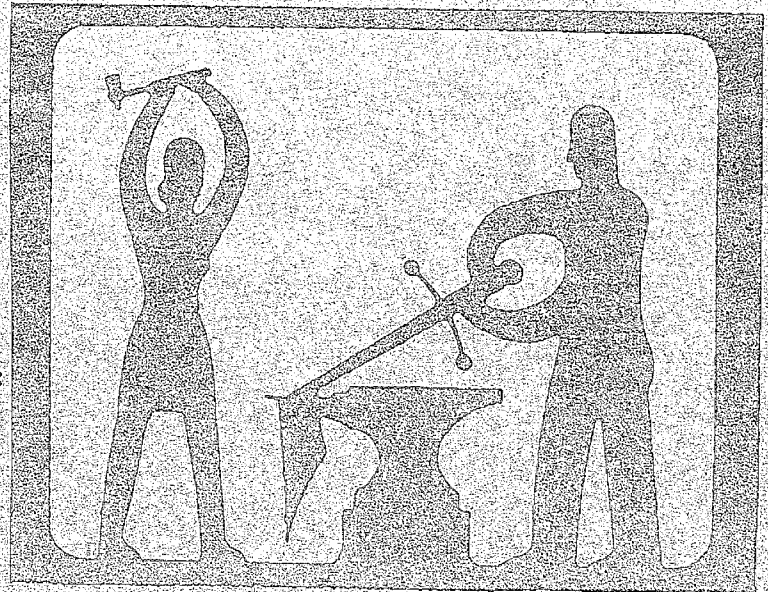
Ephesians 6:10-12, 14-18.

Called to be Peacemakers

Sara Webb Phillips

In the summer of 1983 the towns of West Tennessee were shocked by the terrible news that seven dangerous prisoners had escaped from the Ft. Pillow State Prison. I was living in Jackson, Tennessee at the time and I remember quite clearly the precautions we were urged to take: make sure that your doors are locked; don't go out at night by yourself; watch your children; look for suspicious characters.

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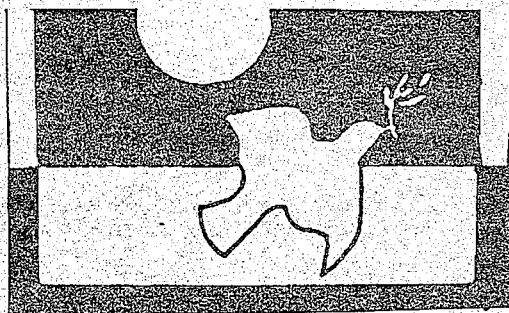
It was that summer that Louise Degrafinried took her stand for peace. Living on a farm near Mason, Tennessee, this elderly woman and her husband had a simple, if not sparse, life. They were aware that three convicts had escaped from Ft. Pillow but they had not changed their daily routine like so many others in the surrounding communities. However, it was to their door that cold and hunger drove one of the escapees.

The man poked a gun into their little house and demanded something to eat. Louise agreed to feed him, but first she asked him to put down his gun. Her reason was simple: "I don't allow no violence in my house." Perhaps it was her likeness to a kind grandmother or the boldness of her words that allowed the man to trust this woman, and he lay aside his rifle. She then invited him to the table and prayed for the meal and for the young man. Her "amen" was said, then she told him to pray. "I don't reckon I know how." She prompted, "Just say something from the scriptures." "Guess I don't know any scripture." "Well, then say 'Jesus wept', that's easy."

When breakfast was over, she told him that he didn't need to go on running, so why didn't she just call the county sheriff and he could turn himself in?

He broke into tears and agreed, and soon the squad cars and armed police were in the yard. Louise was just as firm with the police. "He's in here. He'll come out, but put those guns away. I don't allow no violence around here." This is how Riley Arzeneaux surrendered.

A few days later, 21 miles away, Paul Windrow had loaded his revolver to carry out with him on the patio as he grilled steaks. Another convict, as hungry as Riley had been, approached him. But the story ends differently. The escapee surprised the man, took his gun away and shot him.



Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount preached, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Not peacelovers, not peacekeepers, but peacemakers. Peacemaking is not defensive action but rather offensive option. In a world where religious differences become the root of violence, domestic tension is released upon the vulnerable, where weapons of violence are labeled "peacekeepers," we are indeed called to take up arms against injustice in whatever guise it may be: Hunger, racism, poverty, sexism, oppression, militarism.

Yet St. Paul is vivid with his imagery of what it means to take up arms for peace. One is girded with truth, shielded with integrity and faith, protected by salvation and armed with the Word of God. As is so often the case, the vision of God's kingdom takes our pre-determined images and turns them upside down. Weapons used to keep peace become self-destructive. We are asked to love our enemies, even sit at table with them.

As Christians we are called into the service. But the weapons have changed. No longer do we

boast of military might, but of the power of suffering and love. And the enemy is not so much our fellow human beings, but that which creates our inhumanity.

The opportunity presented to us this week is to be challenged as peacemakers. Through the Call to Peacemaking Week, keynote address, films, worship, and witnesses, we shall be called to be peacemakers, renewing our commitment to be Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken world. May we seize this moment to arm ourselves with love.

What Catholics Should Know

The Office of University Ministry is offering a Catholic Faith Program for all undergraduate and graduate students interested in developing a deeper understanding of what Catholics should know about Prayer, the Sacraments, Scripture and Tradition, Morality and the Church. These five topics will be discussed on:

Sundays, January 20 - February 17, in Grace Hall
Tuesdays, January 22 - February 19, in Keenan -
Stanford and Walsh Halls.

All sessions will be 7 - 8:30 P.M. Registration is limited. Registration forms may be obtained at the Office of University Ministry (Memorial Library or Badin Hall)

Deadline for Registration is December 3.

JOHN PAUL II and the CATHOLIC VISION

• Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 8:15
• Little Theatre, LaFortune Student Center

Sponsored by the
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Nov. 14: BUILDING PEACE Through Disarmament, the Family and the Rights of the Person

The Pope has startled the world by his unrelenting insistence upon the imperative of peace. *Professor Douglas Kmiec* of the Law School will outline those elements set forth by the Pope as necessary for constructing a true and lasting peace.

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A Call to Peacemaking NOVEMBER 1984

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
11 8:00 pm Mark Twain on War and Peace - William McClinn Library Auditorium	12 12 Noon Politician as Peacemaker - Gov. Jack Gilligan - 101 Law School 5:15 pm Peace Mass - Rev. Theodore Hesburgh 8:00 pm Movie: "Failsafe" - CSC Building	13 7:30 pm Film: If You Love This Planet - CSC Building
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
14 6:30 pm Peace Prayer Service for Central America - Grotto	15 12 Noon Witnesses for Peace -Brown Bag Lunch -Discussion with Michael and Margaret Garvey and Louise Baldwin Riegan - CSC Building 8:00 pm Movie: How much is Enough	17 Prayer Moment for Peace -ND / Penn State Game



Throughout the month of November, a Book of the Faithful Departed will be placed on the altar at Sacred Heart Church. You are invited to write in the names of those among your friends and relatives who have died. These will be remembered in a special way in the prayers of our Notre Dame Community.